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ST. PAUL PHYSICIAN TO RECEIVE MMA MINORITY AFFAIRS AWARD

MINNEAPOLIS – Barbara Leone, M.D., will receive the Minnesota Medical Association's Minority Affairs Meritorious Service Award on Thursday at its 153rd Annual Meeting. The award is given to physicians who have provided outstanding medical service to minority populations by helping to increase access to care and better understanding of diseases prevalent in minority groups

Leone is a family physician at University Family Physicians North Memorial Clinic. She was the medical director of Model Cities Health Center, now known as Open Cities, which serves the needs of low-income people, especially people of color and recent Asian immigrants. She is an advocate for the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of breast cancer in African American and Asian women, and has served as a physician for the Rondo Days festival and parade.

The award will be presented at the MMA Awards Luncheon on September 14. The Minnesota Medical Association is a professional association of about 10,000 physicians, medical students, residents, and fellows.