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### **DULUTH PHYSICIAN GIVEN PHYSICIAN COMMUNICATOR AWARD, REELECTED AMA DELEGATE**

**MINNEAPOLIS** — Raymond G. Christensen, M.D., host of the popular Duluth public television program "Doctors on Call," was awarded the Minnesota Medical Association's Physician Communicator Award for 2007. The award was presented at a luncheon during MMA's 154<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, on Thursday, September 20, 2007, at the Alltel Center, in Mankato.

"Doctors on Call" is a live, call-in television program produced by the Department of Family Medicine on the Duluth Campus. The half-hour program appears weekly on Duluth television station, WDSE-TV, and is one of the PBS station's most popular programs.

Dr. Christensen was also reelected to serve another two-year term as delegate to the American Medical Association House of Delegates. AMA delegates attend meetings of the AMA House of Delegates, participate in the development of AMA policies on health care issues, and at the state level, take part in policy development through the work of the MMA Board of Trustees.

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Dr. Christenson, a practicing board-certified family physician who moderates the program, is the cofounder of the Gateway Family Health Clinic in Moose Lake, Minnesota, and he is the assistant dean of rural health at the University of Minnesota Medical School. He is a past president of the MMA, and serves as a delegate to the AMA House of Delegates and as a member of the Minnesota Department of Health Rural Health Advisory Committee.

The MMA is a professional organization of about 10,000 physicians, medical students, residents, and fellows.