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MINNESOTA PHYSICIANS TO CALL FOR NEW AMA POLICY

Minneapolis - The Minnesota delegation to the American Medical Association will introduce three resolutions asking for new AMA action and policy at the AMA Annual Meeting, June 23-27 in Chicago.

Resolution 418, Dysmetabolic Syndrome and Type 2 Diabetes in Children asks the AMA to support efforts to develop national data that would make it possible to monitor the prevalence of diabetes among youth by type; encourage physicians to be more aware of type 2 diabetes in children and promote the availability of resources and information about the prevention and treatment of this growing public health threat.

Res. 514, Sleep Medication Advertising calls on the AMA to explore possible restrictions on direct-to-consumer advertising for sleep medications and establish a dialogue with the drug manufacturers and others in order to encourage modification of the current aggressive marketing tactics for the use of these drugs.

Res. 714 Access to Psychiatric Beds and Impact on Emergency Medicine asks the AMA to work with the American College of Emergency Physicians, the American Psychiatric

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Association, the National Association of EMS Physicians, the American Ambulance Association, and others to study and develop recommendations regarding the national scope of the problem of psychiatric bed availability and its impact on the nation's emergency and general medicine resources.

The AMA House of Delegates is expected to consider dozens of reports and resolutions during the five-day meeting.

The Minnesota delegation to the AMA includes chair Frank J. Indihar, M.D., and delegates Kenneth W. Crabb, M.D.; Raymond G. Christensen, M.D.; Anthony C. Jaspers, M.D.; Sally Trippel, M.D.; John Van Etta, M.D.; Jason Meyers, medical student, and Robert Grow, M.D., resident. Alternate delegates include John P. Abenstein, M.D.; Gail Baldwin, M.D.; Blanton Bessinger, M.D.; David Estrin, M.D.; Paul C. Matson, M.D.; Benjamin H. Whitten, M.D.; and Dionne Hart, M.D. (resident).

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