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### **DR. MELLEMA OF WILLMAR TO RECEIVE PHYSICIAN LEADERSHIP IN QUALITY AWARD**

MINNEAPOLIS – Burnell Mellema, M.D., of Willmar, has been named the winner of this year's Physician Leadership in Quality Award by the Minnesota Medical Association.

The Physician Leadership in Quality Award is given each year to the Minnesota physician who has done the most to promote the quality health care in the state.

Dr. Mellema, a family physician, is the care improvement medical director for Affiliated Community Medical Centers, PA in Willmar. He is a tireless physician leader who heads APMC's Best Practice Committee. Dr. Mellema promotes measurement and reporting to his colleagues. He is devising methods to use electronic medical records for measuring quality and e-prescribing, and is promoting health literacy and cultural competency to meet the needs of the changing patient population in his community.

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The award will be presented at 154<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the MMA at Mankato's Alltel Center on Wednesday, Sept. 19.

The Minnesota Medical Association is a professional association of about 10,000 physicians, medical students, residents, and fellows.