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### **BLOOMINGTON PHYSICIAN TO RECEIVE MMA MINORITY AFFAIRS AWARD**

**MINNEAPOLIS** – Clifford Phibbs, M.D., will receive the Minnesota Medical Association’s Minority Affairs Meritorious Service Award on Wednesday at the MMA’s 154<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting in Mankato.

Dr. Phibbs, a retired surgeon and a former member of the MMA’s Minority and Cross Cultural Affairs Committee, has promoted mentoring as a way to encourage minority youth to pursue careers in medicine.

Not only did Dr. Phibbs contribute to the committee’s efforts for the past four years, he has led his own medical mentorship program at Valley View Middle School in Bloomington for children who are interested in a medical career. He brought in speakers including pediatricians, a plastic surgeon and a psychiatrist to talk to the students. He even took the students on field trips to experience health care facilities from an “insider” perspective.

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Phibbs has been a member of the MMA Minority and Cross Cultural Affairs Committee, and the author of numerous professional articles, and a strong advocate of mentoring for minority medical students.

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

The award will be presented at the first House of Delegates session at the 154<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Minnesota Medical Association at Mankato's Alltel Center, on Wednesday, September 19.

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