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### **VIRGINIA PHYSICIAN TO RECEIVE MMA COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD**

**MINNEAPOLIS** – Gene F. Kishel, M.D., of Virginia will receive the Minnesota Medical Association's Community Service Award during the 155th MMA Annual Meeting at the Crowne Plaza Hotel-Riverfront in St. Paul September 17-19.

The Community Service Award honors MMA physicians with an outstanding record of community service.

Dr. Kishel is a pediatrician, who practiced for many years at the Virginia Regional Medical Center and Virginia Clinic.

For years Dr. Kishel worked tirelessly to protect the public health, as a leader with the Smoke Free Coalition of Northern St. Louis County.

He served several terms as president of the Range Medical Society, and has been a delegate to the MMA Annual Meeting for more than 12 years.

The award will be presented at the meeting of the MMA House of Delegates on Wednesday, September 17 at 7 p.m.

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