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### **MMA 155<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MEETING TO CONVENE IN ST. PAUL**

**MINNEAPOLIS** - The 155th Annual Meeting of the Minnesota Medical Association (MMA) will be held at the Crowne Plaza in St. Paul from Wednesday, September 17 to Friday, September 19.

The MMA is a professional organization representing more than 10,000 physicians in the state.

During the Annual Meeting, the MMA House of Delegates will deliberate and vote on more than 40 resolutions on a wide range of topics, including resolutions calling on the MMA to take the following actions:

- Oppose legislative proposals that would criminalize providing medical care to undocumented residents and oppose proof of citizenship as a condition of providing care (R 300).
- Support legislation to require at least three days a week of physical activity for school children in grades K-8 (R 401)

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- Support biomedical research on multipotent stem cells, including adult and cord blood stem cells, and encourage strong public support of federal funding for research involving human stem cells; thus adopting the AMA's position. (R 405).
- Oppose the elimination of copays for medical care in retail clinics because it undermines the concept of a medical home where patients receive comprehensive care. (R 303)
- Support policy that would allow physicians and clinics to provide a sliding fee scale or free care for the uninsured and underinsured and work to protect records of the visits from review or punitive action. (R 302)

During the meeting the MMA will present a number of awards recognizing outstanding achievements including the Physician Leadership in Quality Award, Community Service Awards, Minority Service Award, Medical Student Award, Distinguished Service Award, Physician Communicator Award, and Awards for Excellence in Medical Journalism.

Other Annual Meeting business includes the election of new MMA officers and delegates to the American Medical Association's House of Delegates and the election and inauguration of a new MMA president. About 450 representatives of the state association's member-physicians will participate in the Annual Meeting.

The resolutions, reports, and a full schedule of events are posted at [www.MMAonline.net](http://www.MMAonline.net).