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MMA “DAY AT THE CAPITOL” IS FEBRUARY 5

MINNEAPOLIS—Physicians from locations throughout Minnesota will be at the Capitol Thursday, February 5 to talk to their legislators about issues that affect their patients during the Minnesota Medical Association (MMA)’s Day at the Capitol.

Physicians wearing white coats will gather in the rotunda at 1:45 p.m. to hear presentations by MMA and legislative leaders and a keynote speech by Rep. Paul Thissen, DFL-Minneapolis.

Following the gathering in the rotunda, MMA physicians will visit their lawmakers and urge them to:

- Preserve Minnesota’s health care safety net programs—MinnesotaCare, Medical Assistance (MA/Medicaid) and General Assistance Medical Care (GAMC)
- Keep the momentum on health care reform that was enacted last year to expand access, reform payment systems and invest in public health.

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- Make sure the Health Care Access Fund is used to improve access to care—not to balance the budget.

The MMA is a professional association for physicians with about 10,000 members including practicing and retired physicians, physician residents and medical students.