FAQs on TCMS decision to separate from MMA

**Q** What was the Twin Cities Medical Society (TCMS) decision and why was it made?

On April 13, TCMS leadership notified MMA of its intent to separate and cease its role as a component society of the MMA. Here's the announcement on their website.

**Q** How will this decision affect my MMA dues?

If you are a physician from the seven-county Twin Cities metro area (Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott, and Washington), your MMA dues will decrease by $280 (or $272 for three-year members), which was the 2021 TCMS dues rate. MMA will maintain its 2021 dues rates for the 2022 membership year. TCMS membership will no longer be required for MMA membership. Physicians from other areas of the state with an active component medical society will continue to pay MMA dues plus component society dues.

**Q** What does the decision mean for my MMA membership?

Other than reducing dues for metro area physicians, the decision does not affect the benefits and value of MMA membership. As the state’s oldest and largest professional association for physicians and physicians-in-training, membership in MMA remains among the most powerful ways to advocate for better health for your patients and a better practice environment for you and your colleagues.

**Q** How will this decision affect the remaining MMA component medical societies?

No. The remaining MMA component medical societies — Heart of the Lakes Medical Society, Steele County Medical Society, Wright County Medical Society and Zumbro Valley Medical Society — are continuing to offer physicians in their communities a variety of local activities and programming.

**Q** It seems like most of the component medical societies have closed — what comes next?

As medicine and medical practices have evolved, so too has the structure of the MMA. Although there are fewer component medical societies than in the past, they continue to serve a valuable role in supporting the local needs and interests of physicians. MMA values its partnership with component medical societies, and we will continue to work with and support their efforts. For members in areas without a local society, the MMA is developing new opportunities for local engagement and your membership continues to allow you to engage in all MMA activities that are of interest to you.

**Q** Will the work of MMA change as a result of this decision?

The work of the MMA is always evolving to meet the needs of Minnesota physicians and physicians-in-training. Our mission to be the leading voice of medicine to make Minnesota the healthiest state and the best place to practice remains steadfast.

**Q** Will this decision affect the number of delegates the MMA sends to the AMA House of Delegates?

No. The number of physicians elected to represent Minnesota at the AMA House of Delegates is based on the number of AMA members in Minnesota. Physicians decide on membership in the AMA independent of MMA membership; the organizations are independent, but the MMA collaborates with AMA to influence AMA policy and to coordinate on national advocacy.

**Q** Will MMA continue to collaborate with TCMS?

The MMA collaborates with a variety of organizations to accomplish shared goals. The MMA will similarly consider future partnerships with TCMS based on mutual priorities.

**Q** Can I remain a member of MMA as well as a member of TCMS?

Yes. You will have to join each organization separately, though, as MMA and TCMS are no longer related organizations.