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### **ROSEVILLE PHYSICIAN REELECTED TO AMA DELEGATION**

**MINNEAPOLIS** – The Minnesota Medical Association has reelected Blanton Bessinger, M.D., of Roseville, to serve another two-year term as an alternate delegate to the American Medical Association House of Delegates.

Bessinger, a retired pediatric cardiologist, has served the MMA as president, as vice speaker and speaker, and as an alternate delegate to the AMA House of Delegates. In 2006 he was elected to a four-year term on the AMA Council on Constitution and Bylaws. Last year he was awarded the MMA Distinguished Service Award.

The MMA is a professional organization representing about 10,000 physicians, fellows, residents, and medical students in Minnesota. The election was held during the MMA's 155<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting in St. Paul, held Sept. 17-19.

AMA alternate delegates attend meetings of the AMA House of Delegates, participate in the development of AMA policies on health care issues, and at the state level, take part in policy development through the work of the MMA Board of Trustees.