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## **ROSEVILLE PHYSICIAN RE-ELECTED TO AMA DELEGATION**

**MINNEAPOLIS** – The Minnesota Medical Association has re-elected Blanton Bessinger, M.D. to serve a two-year term as alternate delegate to the American Medical Association House of Delegates. The MMA is a professional organization representing about 10,000 physicians, fellows, residents, and medical students in Minnesota. The election was held September 15 in Minneapolis during the MMA's 153rd Annual Meeting.

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.

Dr. Bessinger is board certified in pediatrics and pediatric cardiology. He was vice speaker of the MMA House of Delegates in 1996 and 1997, and speaker in 1998 and 1999. Bessinger became president-elect in 1999 and served as president in 2000. At the 2006 AMA Annual Meeting, he was elected to the Council on Constitution and Bylaws.

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