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Medical Association of Atlanta Director Awarded for Contributions to Medicine

ATLANTA – Executive Director of the Medical Association of Atlanta (MAA), Sharon L. Rice, was awarded the 2007 Donna Glass Non-Physician Distinguished Service Award at the Medical Association of Georgia's 153rd House of Delegates on Oct. 13, 2007 in Savannah. The House of Delegates is the annual meeting of the policy-making body of the association.

This award honors a non-physician in Georgia who has distinguished himself or herself in regards to contributions made to the advancement and support of medicine.

Ms. Rice became the Executive Director of the Medical Association of Atlanta (MAA) in 2000. Since then, her knowledge of association management and experience in professional physician organizations has brought great success to MAA. Her efforts and enthusiasm have strengthened the organization and increased member participation. Through her countless hours of dedication and leadership ability, MAA maintains the largest medical county membership in the state.

Over the past two years, Ms. Rice initiated and completed an effort to create a 501(c)(3) foundation, which has enabled MAA to pursue and accept charitable funding in support of community medical projects and the quality of care for patients. For the last several years, Ms. Rice and MAA have worked with Atlanta Medical Heritage to ensure the future of the original site of the Fulton County Medical Society, as well as the financial stability of MAA.

Ms. Rice recognizes the challenges in medicine today, and she provides a wealth of information, educational workshops and forums to physicians. Several successful events organized under her leadership recently include House Calls at the Capitol, MAA's 150th anniversary celebration, the Innovative Doctoring Conference, legislative dinners and Newt Gingrich's speech to the Atlanta business community on Healthcare Transformation.

Ms. Rice has gone above and beyond her duties at MAA to work for the betterment of the community. She has spent an enormous amount of time forming relationships with physicians throughout the state and volunteering in community projects to help those less fortunate.

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