

## **MAG disappointed with AMA support for H.R. 3962**

The Medical Association of Georgia (MAG) is disappointed with the American Medical Association's (AMA) decision to support the passage of H.R. 3962.

MAG believes that this bill would create a staggering volume of new federal regulatory requirements for medicine, that it isn't sustainable from a budget standpoint, that a "public" health insurance option may lead to a single-payer system, that the measure lacks meaningful tort reform and actually discourages proven reforms like limiting attorney fees and malpractice caps, and that the bill does not fix the Medicare Sustainable Growth Rate (SGR) formula.

MAG is part of a coalition of state medical and national specialty societies that represents nearly 50,000 practicing physicians from across the U.S. that will continue to oppose a public health insurance option and the expansion of government control of medical care.

The coalition supports patient-centered legislative solutions that will protect the physician-patient relationship; protect the patient's right to choose their doctor; protect the patient's right to choose their health insurance; protect the right of physicians and patients to privately contract; and ensure that quality determinations are made by physicians.

The coalition will advocate these positions at AMA's interim meeting in Houston, which begins this Saturday.