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MAG Hosts Family Medicine Week at the Capitol

ATLANTA (Feb. 14, 2008) – The Georgia Academy of Family Physicians (GAFP) will participate in the Medical Association of Georgia's (MAG) Doctor of the Day program during the legislative week of February 18. Physician members of the GAFP will provide weeklong volunteer service to members of the Georgia General Assembly and their staff. In addition, free acute care is provided to all those who work in the State Capitol or visit the Gold Dome during the legislative session.

Family physicians take care of the physical, mental and emotional health of both their patients and their patients' families. They are trained in all areas of medicine and can diagnose and treat the full range of problems people usually bring to their doctors. The mission of the GAFP is to promote the health of the citizens of Georgia by advancing the specialty of Family Medicine through education, advocacy and service to family physicians in the State of Georgia. GAFP is a constituent chapter of the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP). The AAFP was founded in 1947 and is one of the largest national medical organizations, representing more than 94,000 family physicians, family medicine residents and medical students nationwide.

The medical aid station is a longtime contribution of MAG, the state's largest physician organization. Each day of the legislative session, MAG coordinates the physician volunteer program to take care of legislators' medical needs while they're away from home. The Doctor of the Day is also introduced in both the House and Senate at the beginning of the legislative day.

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