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**MAG Praises Health Care Reform for Georgians**  
*Physicians' Group Influential in Shaping Legislation*

**ATLANTA (Jan. 30, 2008)** – The Medical Association of Georgia (MAG) hailed the Governor's health care announcement today as "a free-market solution promising affordable coverage and high-quality care to Georgia's uninsured."

MAG, the Peach State's largest physician organization, has been a key architect in the shaping of this legislation that will be filed by Senator Judson Hill (R-Marietta) and Representative Mickey Channell (R-Greensboro).

"Physicians have vigorously lobbied to make this a reality for our patients. The legislation would provide affordable market coverage to more than 500,000 currently uninsured Georgians," said Dr. Jack M. Chapman Jr., MAG President. "In addition to the obvious health care benefits, the package provides an economic stimulus of nearly \$2 billion to our state's economy."

The proposed solution focuses on rewarding and providing financial incentives to those making healthy living choices and participating in wellness and early intervention programs. As a result of the free-market system, more Georgia citizens will have the opportunity to purchase their own health care coverage.

"MAG believes in promoting and protecting a healthy Georgia. With this legislation, it's a winning opportunity for everyone – patients, health care providers, taxpayers and small businesses," said Chapman.

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