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## **AMA SUPPORTS TX, CA, GA PHYSICIANS AS THEY TAKE HMOs TO COURT TO RETURN HEALTH CARE DECISIONS TO PATIENTS AND PHYSICIANS**

Statement attributable to:

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“Today’s action by Texas physicians to join with colleagues in California and Georgia in a federal lawsuit against for-profit health plans shows vividly that physicians will no longer allow managed care organizations to play doctor and endanger the health and welfare of America’s patients.

“Managed care organizations continue to claim they put patients first, while demonstrating daily that dollars are their primary motivator. The patients and physicians of America have grown tired of unrealized rhetoric and now need legal assurance that health plans will provide what they’ve promised.

“Nationally, the AMA will continue to respond to this same frustration with managed care and deep concern for patients by continuing our fight for a meaningful patients’ bill of rights. Passage of a strong, bipartisan bill this year will give all our patients basic protections against managed care abuses that put profits before patient care.

“The AMA will continue to assist and support all physicians in their battles to put our nation’s health care back into the hands of patients and physicians.”

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