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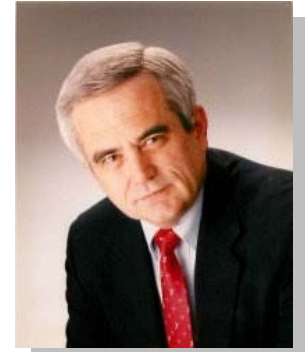
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Albuquerque Physician Elected to National Governing Board of the AMA

At the June 2009 Annual Meeting of the American Medical Association (AMA) held in Chicago, John A. Seibel, MD, medical director of the New Mexico Medical Review Association (NMMRA), was re-elected by the association's membership to serve on the eight-person Governing Board of AMA's "Specialty and Service Society" (SSS) Section.

In addition to serving on AMA's SSS Governing Board, Dr. Seibel also holds only one of 12 positions on the association's Health Information Technology Advisory Committee. He has a private endocrinology practice and is a past president of the New Mexico Medical Society.



John A. Seibel, MD

"New Mexico should be proud that one of its own holds this prestigious AMA position," said Dan Jaco, NMMRA chief executive officer. "Dr. Seibel deserves special recognition for performing valuable leadership roles in health care, both locally and nationally."

The SSS is the largest caucus in the AMA House of Delegates (HOD) and is made up of over 130 national medical societies, military service groups and professional interest medical associations. The specialty societies that make up the SSS either have seats in the HOD or are seeking admission to the House. An association must first be represented in the SSS for three years before it is eligible to seek admission to the HOD. The SSS meets twice annually in conjunction with the Interim and Annual Meetings of the AMA HOD. In addition to participation in the SSS, societies must also comply with several other criteria for admission to the HOD. The eight-person Governing Board oversees the SSS and is elected by the SSS membership. The SSS is composed of other committees that handle various aspects of SSS planning, including the Credentials Committee, Rules Committee and Long Range Planning Committee. For more information, see www.ama-assn.org/ama/pub/about-ama/our-people/house-delegates/the-delegates/specialty-service-society-caucus/guidelines-admission.shtml.

NMMRA is an Albuquerque-based, non-profit, physician-sponsored organization. Serving as a resource to the state's health care community and to Medicare beneficiaries, NMMRA seeks to fulfill its mission to facilitate demonstrable and continuous improvement in the quality of health care and achieve its vision to be a premier and innovative leader in improving health care. NMMRA has served continuously as the state's only federally contracted Medicare Quality Improvement Organization (QIO) since 1984. NMMRA also serves as the state's Medicaid External Quality Review Organization.