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Roman M. Hendrickson, M.D. of Sheridan Awarded Top State Physician Award MMA awards Dr. Roman M. Hendrickson the Doctor Jack McMahon Service to Montana Physicians Award

Helena – The Montana Medical Association (MMA) honored Roman M. Hendrickson M.D., a family practice physician in Sheridan, Montana, with the prestigious Doctor Jack McMahon Service to Montana Physicians Award at the President's Gala, held in conjunction with the annual MMA Membership and Board of Trustees Meeting in Big Sky, Montana, September 23, 2017.

This prestigious award is reserved for individuals who exhibit a commitment to the physician profession by promoting collaboration, protecting the physician-patient relationship, advocating for the interests of patients, and encouraging continued improvement of the physician profession.

Dr. Hendrickson is honored for commitment to providing quality care to Montana's rural communities. His passion for ensuring quality care extends to the frontier parts of Montana where Dr. Hendrickson demonstrates his commitment to multidisciplinary clinics by prioritizing care for "well elders" with significant chronic disease and "well children" in communities served by Indian Health Service. He routinely travels the 520 miles between the Ruby Valley Clinic in Sheridan and the Fort Peck Reservation in Poplar where he is instrumental in advancing proper health and dental care for children, as well as their long-term mental, physical and spiritual health. He is committed to continually striving to ensure the future of rural health care.

William S. Gallea M.D., president of the MMA, proclaimed, "Roman Hendrickson has been highly impactful as a physician leader in guiding communities and the Association to form partnerships and collaborations essential to maintaining patient access to physician care, promoting provider and patient accountability, enhancing health care coverage options for our low-income patients, and protecting patient safety."

Dr. Hendrickson was influential in the formation of a joint committee between MMA and the Montana Hospital Association (MHA) to address medical education and the primary care workforce shortage in Montana.

Prior recipients of the "Doctor Jack McMahon" Service to Montana Physicians Award include Carter E. Beck, M.D. of Missoula; William S. Gallea, M.D. of Helena; Jay S. Erickson, M.D. of Whitefish; John W. McMahon Sr., M.D. of Helena; and J. Bruce Robertson, M.D. of Bozeman.

The mission of the Montana Medical Association is to serve our members as an advocate for the medical profession, quality patient care, and the health of Montana citizens.



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From Left to Right –Roman M. Hendrickson, M.D. and William S. Gallea, M.D. MMA President