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Sandy Praeger, Commissioner of Insurance

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AMA again honors Commissioner Praeger with top government service award

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Kansas Insurance Commissioner Sandy Praeger is a 2010 recipient of the American Medical Association's (AMA) top government service award for an elected statewide official. This is the second time she has won an AMA service award.

She received a Dr. Nathan Davis Award at a dinner March 2 in Washington, D.C., as part of the AMA's National Advocacy Conference.

Commissioner Praeger is one of nine honorees chosen this year to receive the Davis award for outstanding government service. The award, named for the founding father of the AMA, recognizes elected and career officials in federal, state or municipal service whose outstanding contributions have promoted the art and science of medicine and the betterment of public health.

"Insurance consumers in Kansas and all across America are fortunate to have Sandy Praeger looking out for their interests," said Jane Cline, president of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) and West Virginia insurance commissioner.

"Sandy's passion for championing parity in the health care system distinguishes her impressive career," said Roger Sevigny, NAIC past president and New Hampshire insurance commissioner. "She has worked diligently to ensure consumers have access to affordable and quality care."

"She is an influential national voice on issues such as insurance market reform and the increasing health costs facing small businesses," said Rebecca J. Patchin, M.D., AMA board chairwoman.

Commissioner Praeger also won the Davis state legislator award in 1999, when she was a member of the Kansas Senate. She is currently in her second term as Kansas insurance commissioner.

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Nominated for the 2010 award by Sevigny, Commissioner Praeger chairs the NAIC's Health Insurance and Managed Care Committee. In addition to her consumer advocacy, she serves as a health expert to the national media and has testified before Congress on behalf of the NAIC.

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Photo information: Kansas Insurance Commissioner Sandy Praeger (third from left) received a Dr. Nathan Davis Award March 2 from the American Medical Association for her state government service to public health issues. Commissioner Praeger won a similar Davis award as a member of the Kansas Senate in 1999. With her are Dr. Terri Vaughan, executive director of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC); Dr. Nancy Snyderman, NBC News chief medical editor; and Commissioner Praeger's husband, Dr. Mark Praeger. *Photo courtesy Scott Holeman, NAIC*

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