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**MN CANDIDATES FOR GOVERNOR TO DISCUSS THEIR VIEWS
ON HEALTH CARE AT MN-AAP ANNUAL MEETING JUNE 4**

June 3, 2010 (St. Paul, MN) – Minnesota’s major gubernatorial candidates Tom Emmer, Tom Horner, Matt Entenza and Margaret Anderson Kelliher will be discussing their views on health care and how the policies they support would affect children, teenagers and young adults at the annual meeting of the Minnesota Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics (MN-AAP) on Friday, June 4 from 6-9 p.m. at the Hilton in Bloomington (Airport/Mall of America).

All four candidates for governor have confirmed their participation on the panel and will accept pre-submitted questions from MN-AAP members as well as questions from attendees. The panel will be one hour long and moderated by Sara Noznesky, lobbyist for Children’s Hospital and Clinics of Minnesota.

Prior to the forum, Senator Amy Klobuchar will speak about health care reform and its impact on children, teenagers and young adults.

“The health of Minnesota’s children depends largely on the policies that are made on a national and state level,” said Anne R. Edwards, MD, FAAP, chair of Park Nicollet Pediatrics and president of MN-AAP. “We look forward to hearing about new and proposed health care changes from legislative leaders.”

MN-AAP’s annual meeting is open to the press. Additional details, including directions, can be found online at www.mnaap.org/annualmeeting.htm.

In addition to hosting the senator and gubernatorial candidates that evening, MN-AAP will be receiving the Outstanding Large Chapter of the Year award from the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and will be honoring two individuals who have made significant impacts on the health and well being of children in Minnesota: Blanton Bessinger, MD and John Hurley from the Minnesota Department of Health.

With more than 950 members, MN-AAP is committed to improving the health of all children. For more information, visit www.mnaap.org

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