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MEDIA ADVISORY

The National Medical Association holds its Annual Convention and Scientific Assembly in New York

Washington, DC, July 7, 2005 – The National Medical Association will convene its Annual Convention and Scientific Assembly Saturday, July 23 through July 28 2005 at the Jacob Javits Convention Center in New York.

The Annual Convention and Scientific Assembly will focus on "Physicians under attackare all profiles and performance standards created equal?", Medical care of soldiers returning from combat, disparities in healthcare, asthma management, obesity, emergency medicine, HIV/Aids, pediatrics, pain management, OB/GYN risk management, oncology, hypertension, diabetes and cardio-vascular diseases, contemporary issues and research updates on contraceptives, and prostate cancer are among the dozens of scheduled medical and scientific seminars and lectures.

Drs. Elias Zerhouni, Director, National Institutes of Health; Julie Gerberding, Director of the Center for Disease Control and Prevention; Mark McClellan, Administrator, Center for Medicaid and Medicare Services; and the Reverend Jesse L. Jackson noted human and civil rights advocate, Dr. Maya Angelou, poet and health advocate; Dr. David Satcher, former US Surgeon General and interim President, Morehouse College of Medicine are among the scheduled speakers.

The National Medical Association is the nation's oldest and largest organization representing African American physicians. For additional information about the scheduled convention and related programs, please visit www.nmanet.org or call 202-347-1895.