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Montana Medical Association Honors Legislator Leaders who Advanced Healthcare Policy in 2025*Montana Legislators Awarded for Important Healthcare Contributions*

Helena, MT, October 25, 2025 – The Montana Medical Association (MMA) is pleased to announce that Senator Wendy McKamey of Great Falls has been named as an inaugural recipient of the *Montana Medical Association Legislators of Impact Award*, presented during the 147th MMA Annual Meeting on September 12, 2025.

This newly established award honors legislators whose leadership and service have had a profound and lasting impact on the health and well-being of Montanans. The recognition highlights those who demonstrate exceptional collaboration, foresight, and a steadfast commitment to advancing sound, patient-centered health policy.

Throughout her years in the Montana Legislature, Senator McKamey has established a reputation as a principled, solutions-driven leader who prioritizes the well-being of her constituents.

“Senator McKamey’s legislative record reflects a broad concern for Montanans’ everyday needs,” stated MMA President Ernest Gray, MD during the presentation. “She has shown leadership and strategic decision-making, playing a vital role in the passage of key patient-centered health legislation.

Senator McKamey’s leadership during the 2025 legislative session was pivotal in achieving several landmark healthcare outcomes. Through her diligence, collaborative approach, and ability to navigate challenging votes, Senator McKamey has left a lasting impact on healthcare in Montana. Her vision and leadership exemplify the qualities celebrated by the Legislator of Impact Award.

Among her notable accomplishments, Senator McKamey sponsored Senate Bill 497, establishing a foundation for a confidential program for health professionals to access behavioral health care. The legislation recognizes the mental health challenges facing Montana’s healthcare workforce and provides a pathway for clinicians to seek timely support—protecting both their well-being and their ability to care for patients. This proactive approach reflects a deep understanding that the health of Montana’s communities depends on the resilience of its caregivers.



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Senator McKamey also played a decisive role in defending Montana's Medicaid program, ensuring that thousands of Montanans—especially in rural and underserved areas—maintain access to essential healthcare services. Her steadfast support for the program demonstrated her commitment to protecting vulnerable populations and preserving continuity of care.

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