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AMA announces EVP's departure

■ Michael D. Maves, MD, MBA, will step aside in June 2011 after more than 9 years in the post.

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The AMA Board of Trustees and Executive Vice President and CEO Michael D. Maves, MD, MBA, "have mutually decided" that he will step aside when his contract ends on June 30, 2011, the Association said in a statement released Nov. 4.

"I have proudly served the AMA and its members for nearly nine years," Dr. Maves said. "The end of my current contract in June 2011 presents a natural opportunity to transition the leadership of the AMA to a new physician executive."

AMA Board of Trustees Chair Ardis Dee Hoven, MD, lauded the outgoing CEO's performance.

"Under Dr. Maves' leadership, the American Medical Association restored its financial stability, weathered the recession and implemented a number of critical initiatives to improve quality of care, increase access to care and establish a fair system of payment for physicians within the Medicare program," said Dr. Hoven, an internist and infectious disease specialist in Lexington, Ky.

"As we enter into a new era that is redefining the way health care is delivered, both Dr. Maves and the Board of Trustees share the belief that new top leadership is required to address these challenges and to ensure the rights of patients and physicians are passionately and effectively protected," she said.

Dr. Maves, a head and neck surgeon, took over as CEO in 2002 after serving as president of the Consumer Healthcare Products Assn. and executive vice president of the American Academy of Otolaryngology -- Head and Neck Surgery.

The Association said no other executive changes are expected. The AMA said it hopes to have a new CEO in place by the conclusion of Dr. Maves' contract.

The announcement comes as the AMA House of Delegates prepares to begin its Interim Meeting in San Diego on Nov. 6. Among issues to be addressed at the meeting are stopping looming Medicare pay cuts, extending health insurance coverage for children of military families and establishing guiding principles for accountable care organizations.

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