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LARGO PHYSICIAN, GREGORY JAMES, DO, MPH, FACOFP DIST. RECEIVES FOMA DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Tallahassee, FL – Gregory James, DO, MPH, FACOFP dist. of Largo, Florida, received the 2017 Distinguished Service Award from the Florida Osteopathic Medical Association (FOMA) during its 2017 Annual Convention held February 22-26, 2017, in Weston, Florida. A crowd of more than 900 osteopathic physicians, healthcare professionals, and students attended the Convention.

Since 1960, the FOMA Distinguished Service Award has been presented to an individual in recognition of outstanding accomplishments in scientific, professional, osteopathic education, or service to the osteopathic profession or citizens of Florida at a state or national level. It is the highest honor that the FOMA can bestow upon an individual.

Dr. James received his Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (DO), as well as his Masters in Public Health (MPH), from the Nova Southeastern University, College of Osteopathic Medicine (NSU-COM) in Ft. Lauderdale, FL. Dr. James is board certified and recertified in Family Medicine, Geriatrics, in Post-Acute and Long Term Care for Nursing Facility Patients. Dr. James is currently the Senior Medical Director for OPTUMCare for the Central Region of the United States. This position has clinical and quality oversight responsibility for Post-Acute and Long Term Care (Nursing Home) Patients enrolled with UnitedHealthcare Plans in eight states. He has been in this position since the fall of 2016. He had been the Senior Medical Director for the State of Florida for OPTUMCare for six years prior to that.

He currently serves the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) as a Florida member of the annual House of Delegates, and has done so for the last 15 consecutive years. He has previously served the AOA on their Council on Post-Doctoral Training (COPT) and Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation (COCA). In 2006, he was voted Educator of the Year by the Florida Society of the ACOFP; and in 2013, the Educator of the Year for the National ACOFP. Dr. James has been recognized for several years by the AOA as one of their Mentors of the Year. At Sun Coast Hospital, he received the Outstanding Clinical Instructor Award three times and the Outstanding Lecturer Award twice. Dr. James is a Distinguished Fellow for the ACOFP.

The Florida Osteopathic Medical Association (FOMA) is the state association for osteopathic physicians in Florida and has been serving osteopathic physicians since 1904. The FOMA was organized for the purposes of advancing the science and art of osteopathic medicine; extending the benefits of scientific advancement to the treatment, prevention, and alleviation of human ailments; and promoting closer relationships between the osteopathic profession, FOMA members, and other groups dedicated to improved health care.

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