

Thursday General Session

October 8, 2009

1:00 pm – 2:30 pm



Governor Howard Dean, MD and Senator William Frist, MD

Former Governor and Democratic Party Chairman Howard Dean, MD and **former Republican Senate Majority Leader William H. Frist, MD** will come together at AMCP's 2009 Educational Conference in San Antonio, Texas for the Thursday General Session keynote address.

Governor Howard Dean, MD – *Chairman of the Democratic National Committee, 2005-2009, 2004 Candidate for the Democratic Nomination for President and Governor of Vermont, 1991-2003.* Howard Dean's groundbreaking campaign for the U.S. Presidency and subsequent four years as Chairman of the Democratic National Committee has provided him with an insider's view of the political process. His 12 years as Governor and his Chairmanship of the National Governor's Association have given him a vast knowledge of domestic issues. A long-standing champion of health care reform, Howard Dean addresses the necessity and challenges ahead for one of the Obama administration's top priorities: tackling health care reform. A physician who originally entered politics to try to get universal coverage in the U.S. and instituted an innovative health care plan as Governor of Vermont, Dr. Dean offers an experienced and dual perspective as physician and politician to the discussion of health reform in America.

Senator William H. Frist, MD – *18th Majority Leader of the U.S. Senate, 2003-2007, U.S. Senator from Tennessee, 1995-2007, and Heart-Lung Transplant Surgeon.* With his impressive background of 20 years in medicine, 12 years in Congress and his tenure as U.S. Senate Majority Leader, Senator Frist brings a wealth of experience and insight into politics and health care. His one-of-a-kind experience serves as the backdrop in his dialogue for a vision of increased

availability and affordability of quality health care. Senator Frist argues that in order to achieve comprehensive health care reform, the new administration must set a strong foundation where the knowledge-based tools to bend the cost curve can be applied. Senator Frist focuses on advancing the goal of maximizing value in health care delivery, opening the door to continuous quality improvement, redirecting existing monies to where they can do the greater good and taking steps to ensure that every American has affordable access to quality health care.