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## **State Alliance for e-Health Meeting to Meet in Atlanta Commissioner Medows to co-chair taskforce meeting**

**ATLANTA** – Dr. Rhonda Medows, Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Community Health (DCH), will join members of the State Alliance for e-Health's Information Communication and Data Exchange Taskforce in Atlanta, November 14 – 16, 2007. The Taskforce will examine opportunities and challenges faced by public health, and state employee health benefits programs participating in health information exchange (HIE) activities. All meetings are open to the public.

“Health information technology and transparency initiatives are transforming the way consumers approach their health care across the country,” said Dr. Medows. “The presence of the Health Information Communication and Data Exchange Taskforce in Atlanta this month is the perfect opportunity for public health, health plan administrators and health care providers to exchange ideas and strategies.”

The State Alliance for e-Health is an executive level body of state elected officials, including governors, state legislators, insurance commissioners and attorneys general who are developing real-world solutions to improve efficiency in health care through electronic HIE. The Information Communication and Data Exchange task force supports the State Alliance on issues regarding the roles for publicly funded health programs in interoperable, electronic HIE. The National Governors Association Center for Best Practices is supporting the work of the State Alliance for e-Health and its Taskforces, along with partners such as the National Conference of State Legislators and National Association of Attorneys General.

### **Meeting Details:**

**WHEN: November 14-16, 2007**

November 14: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

November 15: 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

November 16: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

**WHERE: Westin Atlanta Airport Hotel**

4736 Best Road  
Atlanta, GA 30337

For more information about the State Alliance and to access meeting materials for this meeting, please visit: [www.nga.org/center/ehealth](http://www.nga.org/center/ehealth).