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**Georgia Department of Community Health Pharmacy Director
Appointed to National Association of State Medicaid Directors and the Pharmacy
Quality Alliance Data Aggregation Subgroup**

ATLANTA – The National Association of State Medicaid Directors (NASMD) and the Pharmacy Quality Alliance (PQA) have appointed Jerry Dubberly, Director of Pharmacy Services for the Georgia Department of Community Health's (DCH) Division of Medical Assistance Plans, to PQA's Data Aggregation Subgroup for the Reporting Workgroup.

"I am extremely pleased that Jerry Dubberly has been chosen to serve on PQA's Data Aggregation Subgroup," said Mark Trail, Chief of DCH Division of Medical Assistance Plans. "He represents the state Medicaid perspective and his unique skills will contribute to the work being undertaken by the subgroup and PQA."

The subgroup will support PQA's mission to improve health care quality and patient safety through a collaborative process in which key stakeholders agree on a strategy for measuring performance at the pharmacy and pharmacist levels. The subgroup also collects data and reports information to consumers, pharmacists, employers, payer and other health care decision makers to help make informed choices, improve outcomes and stimulate the development of new tools.

The key objectives for the Data Aggregation Subgroup are to develop strategies and recommendations for:

- How data are obtained and from whom
- How data are aggregated and stored
- Data architecture for reporting on pharmacy quality
- Nomenclature of pharmacy quality data
- Analysis, including analysis tools, for reporting on pharmacy quality
- What type of entity(s) will collect, store and analyze the data.

The subgroup will also serve as the expert and liaison for all Request for Proposal processes regarding data aggregation and reporting.

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The Georgia Department of Community health champions:

ACCESS to affordable, quality health care in our communities

RESPONSIBLE health planning and use of health care resources

HEALTHY behaviors and improved health outcomes