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DCH Announces Appointment of Dr. Dean Burke as Chief Medical Officer

Chairman of Senate Health Appropriations to begin January 9 and lead Medicaid Quality Unit

ATLANTA (December 22, 2022) — Today, Commissioner Caylee Noggle at the Department of Community Health (DCH) announced that Dr. Dean Burke will become the agency's Chief Medical Officer for the Medical Assistance Plans. In this role, Dr. Burke will lead the department's efforts related to health performance and quality reporting within the Medicaid and PeachCare for Kids® populations.

Most recently, Dr. Burke served as the Chief Medical Officer for Memorial Hospital and Manor in Bainbridge, Ga. In addition, he has served as a state Senator for Senate district 11, representing Colquitt, Decatur, Early, Grady, Miller and Seminole counties along with portions of Mitchell and Thomas counties. During his service, he has served as Chairman of the Insurance and Labor Committee, Vice-Chairman of the Health and Human Services Committee and Ethics Committee, an Ex-Officio of Agriculture and Consumer Affairs, the Secretary of Appropriations, and was a member of the Reapportionment and Redistricting Committee and the Rules Committee. He also served as the Chairman of the Community Health sub-committee.

Dr. Burke graduated summa cum laude from Georgia Southwestern University and went on to graduate from the Medical College of Georgia. He received his specialty training in obstetrics and gynecology at Mercer University School of Medicine and practiced obstetrics and gynecology for 27 years. In addition, Dr. Burke has also served as the Chairman of the Stratus Healthcare Governing Board and is an advocate for improving healthcare outcomes in Georgia.

"Dr. Burke will bring a wealth of experience to this role, both from his time as a healthcare provider and as respected policymaker. We are grateful that he will continue to dedicate his skills to public service in this new role as we continue to focus on improving healthcare outcomes for Georgians," said Commissioner Noggle.

About the Georgia Department of Community Health

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