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Georgia Medicaid Executive Director Stuart Portman Elected President of National Association of Medicaid Directors

ATLANTA (March 30, 2026) — The Georgia Department of Community Health (DCH) recently announced that Stuart Portman, executive director of the Medical Assistance Plans Division, has been elected President of the National Association of Medicaid Directors (NAMD). His term will begin April 1.

“Stuart is a thoughtful and accomplished leader whose policy expertise and deep understanding of Medicaid make him exceptionally well suited for this role,” said Dean Burke, MD, Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Community Health. “We are proud to see him represent Georgia in this national leadership capacity. Stuart brings a strong commitment to public service and a proven ability to navigate complex health policy challenges, and I know he will provide outstanding leadership for the Medicaid community in the year ahead.”

NAMD is the national professional association representing Medicaid leaders from all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. territories. As President, Portman will lead the organization’s Board of Directors and work with Medicaid leaders nationwide to strengthen collaboration between states and the federal government while advancing improvements to Medicaid and the Children’s Health Insurance Program.

“Determining coverage for millions of people, ensuring appropriate access to care, delivering high-quality services, and keeping programs financially sustainable – that’s the mandate Medicaid Directors carry, and it’s the mission NAMD is built around,” said Portman. “It is a privilege and honor to work alongside the dedicated Directors who make that happen across all 56 state and territory programs. These are state leaders who take pride in building programs and who value collaboration, and I am humbled to serve as President in the year ahead to ensure the operational perspectives from states are heard in Washington, D.C.”

As the executive director for DCH’s Medical Assistance Plans Division, Portman oversees Georgia’s Medicaid and PeachCare for Kids® programs. In this role, he leads statewide policy, operations, and program administration for the health coverage programs serving millions of Georgians.

Prior to joining DCH, Portman served as Senior Health Policy Advisor on the U.S. Senate Committee on Finance, where he worked on Medicaid, the Children’s Health Insurance Program, and other federal health policy issues. He also previously held legislative roles for U.S. Senators Orrin Hatch, Chuck Grassley, and Mike Crapo. His work has included policy areas such as health information technology and Food and Drug Administration policy.

Portman holds a Master of Public Health in health policy from Milken Institute School of Public Health at George Washington University and a bachelor’s degree in biology and political science from University of Denver.