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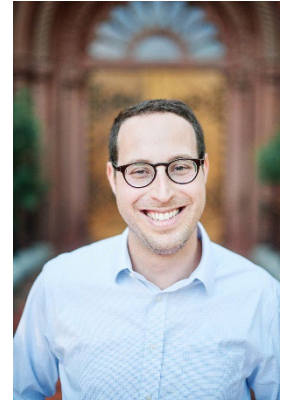
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Stuart Portman Named New Executive Director for Medical Assistance Plans, Overseeing the State's Medicaid, PeachCare for Kids®, and Georgia Pathways Programs

ATLANTA (February 13, 2024) – The Georgia Department of Community Health (DCH) announced today that Stuart Portman has joined the agency as its new executive director for the Medical Assistance Plans (MAP) division.

In this role, Stuart will oversee day-to-day operations, policies, service delivery and administration, compliance, and care management for the state's Medicaid, PeachCare for Kids and Georgia Pathways to Coverage™ programs. Stuart, among other duties, will also continue to develop and maintain effective relationships on behalf of the agency with key stakeholders, consultants, legislators, CMOs, DCH board and federal agencies. He takes over the role from Lynnette Rhodes, who was promoted to DCH Chief Health Policy Officer in 2023.



“With Lynnette’s vast knowledge around Georgia’s Medicaid infrastructure, it’s only fitting that she uses her expertise in a larger capacity to help shape policy,” said DCH Commissioner Russel Carlson. “I appreciate Lynnette’s continued service as we welcome Stuart to the team. Like Lynnette, Stuart also brings a unique set of skills and qualifications to the table that will continue to enhance our efficiencies, quality and equitable care access for underserved populations.”

Stuart comes to DCH from the U.S. Senate Committee on Finance in Washington, D.C., where he served as senior health policy advisor on Medicaid and the CHIP program. He brings extensive experience on Affordable Care Act policy issues, drafting healthcare legislation and advising on health taxes, health IT, and rare disease-specific policies, among other programs.

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