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## **Barnes Appointed Deputy Director of Managed Care and Quality Division**

**ATLANTA** – Lovey Barnes has been named Deputy Director of the Georgia Department of Community Health (DCH), Managed Care and Quality Division. Barnes joined DCH in 2005 and has been acting Deputy Director since January 16, 2008.

As Deputy Director, Lovey will oversee the management of day-to-day operations of the Managed Care and Quality Division and provide oversight of managed care contracts.

“Lovey has an in-depth knowledge of managed care and brings an exceptional wealth of experience to the position,” said Dr. Rhonda Medows, DCH Commissioner. “She will provide invaluable leadership and guidance for the Division in its mission of ensuring accessible and quality health care services for all of the Medicaid members.”

A graduate of Professional Business School in St. Louis, Mo., Lovey comes to the DCH after more than five years at 1st Medical Network, which is the largest provider-owned PPO network in the state of Georgia. At 1st Medical Network, Lovey was the Provider Management Director. She has also served as a Provider/Data Integrity Analyst for United Healthcare of Georgia for seven years.

“I'm delighted that I have been given an opportunity to lead an innovative division as we continue to improve quality and access for Georgia's Medicaid population,” said Barnes.

Barnes currently resides in Powder Springs.

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