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SCDHHS ADDS THREE PHYSICIANS TO STAFF

COLUMBIA, S.C. — South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) is pleased to announce the addition of Dr. William Jennings, Jr. (Tripp), Dr. Michael Musci, Jr. and Dr. Philip Mubarak as consulting medical directors for the Department. In this role, these three physicians will provide advice to the agency on pay for performance initiatives, clinical integration, hotspot interventions and quality improvement. They will join Tann Platt, MD in the Office of Medical Direction led by the SCDHHS medical director Marion Burton, MD

Dr. William R. Jennings, Jr. (Tripp), MD, FACEP, is a board certified emergency medicine physician with Carolina Care Emergency Physicians, practicing at Palmetto Health in Columbia, SC. He serves as System Vice President at Palmetto Health and Chief Medical Information Officer for The Palmetto Health Quality Collaborative and is an assistant professor of clinical medicine in the Department of Surgery at the University of South Carolina. Dr. Jennings is the past-president of the South Carolina College of Emergency Physicians and a national speaker on health information technology, accountable care, and Emergency Medicine. He was president of his class at the University of South Carolina School of Medicine and is a two-time winner of the Attending of the Year Award from the Palmetto Health Emergency Medicine Department and recipient of the 2013 Distinguished Young Physician of The Year from the USC School of Medicine. Dr. Jennings has a graduate certificate in Biomedical Informatics from Oregon Health Sciences University and is a Fellow of the American College of Emergency Physicians.

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Michael Musci, Jr., DO, MBA, is the Medical Director of Managed Care Services for the Greenville Hospital System (GHS). Prior to joining GHS, he was the Medical Director of WellCare Health Plans/NY, which provides managed care services targeted to government-sponsored health care programs focusing on Medicaid and Medicare. Dr. Musci is a physician executive with experience in health plan development and operations, quality improvement, disease management, care coordination and population health. He served as CEO of Carolina Medical Homes, National Medical Director for Amerigroup Corporation and CEO of Amerigroup Community Care in South Carolina. Dr. Musci is board certified in neonatal-perinatal medicine and pediatrics and is a past president of the American College of Osteopathic Pediatricians. He also served on the Board of Directors of the Southern New Jersey Perinatal Cooperative. Dr. Musci attended Oakland University for his undergraduate studies. He received his medical degree from Michigan State University and completed his fellowship in Neonatology at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. In addition he obtained a Master's of Business Administration at Saint Joseph's University in Philadelphia, PA.

Philip Mubarak, MD, is a Board Certified pediatrician who founded Carolina Pediatrics in 1986 and is currently an assistant professor of clinical pediatrics in the Department of Pediatrics at the University of South Carolina School of Medicine. Previously, he served as medical director for Absolute Total Care, Carolina Crescent Health Plan, Pediatric After Hours Care and Providence Northeast Hospital's Newborn Nursery and Chief of Pediatrics at Baptist Medical Center. Asthma, allergies, ADHD, and healthy lifestyles are some of his areas of special emphasis. Dr. Mubarak received his Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from the University of South Carolina (USC) and continued at the USC School of Pharmacy to complete his BS degree in pharmacy and his MS degree in medicinal chemistry. Dr. Mubarak received his M.D. degree from the Medical University of South Carolina and completed his pediatric residency at the University of Florida School of Medicine/Shands Hospital.

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