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#### Dr. W.T. "Tom" Geary appointed to ADPH medical director post

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The Alabama Department of Public Health announces the appointment of Dr. W.T. "Tom" Geary, of Montgomery, as the full-time medical director of its Bureau of Health Provider Standards, effective Sept. 17. Dr. Geary will provide clinical oversight to the department's health care facility regulatory programs which have responsibility for overseeing care in nursing homes, assisted living facilities, hospices, hospitals, home health agencies, abortion clinics, renal dialysis centers, and other kinds of health care facilities.

Dr. Geary is a 1974 graduate of Louisiana State University School of Medicine and completed a residency in Internal Medicine at the University of Alabama School of Medicine. He is board certified in internal medicine and is a certified medical director. He has been in private practice in Montgomery since 1999, providing care to geriatric patients and medical direction services to several area nursing homes, assisted living facilities and home health agencies.

"We are extremely pleased that Dr. Geary has agreed to join our regulatory program," said Dr. Donald E. Williamson, state health officer. "He brings invaluable experience and skills to our team. It is our goal to have a health care regulatory program that is second to none in America. We have almost doubled the size of our field staff in the past year, while making improvements at the same time to our training program and quality assurance program. The appointment of Dr. Geary makes us one of the first states in the country to have a medical director assigned full time to regulatory oversight. It is a huge step toward achieving our goal."

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