

House Bill 89

By: Representative Powell of the 29th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the
2 "Georgia Medical Assistance Act of 1977," so as to require physicians who participate in the
3 state employees' or board of regents' health insurance plan to also participate in the Medicaid
4 program; to amend Chapter 34A of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the
5 "Patient Right to Know Act of 2001," so as to change certain provisions relating to physician
6 profiles; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Georgia
10 Medical Assistance Act of 1977," is amended by adding a new Code section to read as
11 follows:

12 "49-4-158.

13 A physician, as defined in Code Section 43-34-20, who participates in the state employees'
14 health insurance plan as provided for by Article 1 of Chapter 18 of Title 45 or in the board
15 of regents' health insurance plan as provided for by subsection (e) of Code Section 31-5A-4
16 shall be required to participate in the Medicaid program. If at any point a physician is no
17 longer eligible or declines to participate in the Medicaid program, such physician shall no
18 longer be eligible to participate in either the state employees' or the board of regents' health
19 insurance plan."

20 **SECTION 2.**

21 Chapter 34A of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Patient Right to
22 Know Act of 2001," is amended in subsection (c) of Code Section 43-34A-3, relating to
23 physician profiles and dissemination to the public, by adding two new paragraphs to read as
24 follows:

25 "(10.1) Participation in the state employees' health insurance plan as provided for by
26 Article 1 of Chapter 18 of Title 45, if applicable;
27 (10.2) Participation in the board of regents' health insurance plan as provided for by
28 subsection (e) of Code Section 31-5A-4, if applicable;"

29 **SECTION 3.**

30 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.