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“The proposed physician rate increase for Medicaid and PeachCare services is a welcome relief to doctors and their practices across the state. Georgia is facing a critical shortage of physicians, and the Governor’s budget proposal is one more way to attract doctors to the state.”

“Georgia’s physician-patient ratio currently ranks 38th in the nation – and it’s a problem that will only grow. We can’t expect businesses to stay in Georgia if we don’t have enough physicians.”

“Despite the proposed increase, Medicaid will continue to pay less than the cost of delivering care. However, the Medical Association of Georgia believes that the budget proposal is an excellent way to attract more physicians to our state, while ultimately improving much-needed access to care for patients.”

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