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Johnson to Bring Substantial Medical and Government Experience to the Job PRNewswire HARRISBURG, Pa. April 22

HARRISBURG, Pa., April 22 /PRNewswire/ - Dr. Calvin B. Johnson, a pediatrician, professor and former Army National Guard doctor, stood in the Governor's reception room today as Governor Edward G. Rendell announced that Johnson was his choice to serve as Pennsylvania's next Secretary of Health.

"There are very few things as fundamental to the quality of life of every citizen in this Commonwealth than the health they stand in," Governor Rendell said. "Calvin will work tirelessly, as he has over the past decade, to ensure that government provides the most effective health management possible to our citizens."

Dr. Johnson is currently a physician in the Pediatric Emergency Department at **Temple University** Children's Medical Center in Philadelphia, and is also an Assistant Professor of Pediatrics at the **Temple University** School of Medicine. Johnson, who holds both a medical degree and master's degree in public health, has a strong record of community medical involvement, including his work on the Allies Against Asthma Citywide coalition and intervention project, the Community Asthma Coalition and as medical director of Philadelphia Safe and Sound.

Johnson also serves on the board of directors of the Philadelphia Health Management Corporation and the Philadelphia chapter of Physicians for Social Responsibility. He formerly served as a medical director at the New York City Department of Health, where he also served on the Medicaid Managed Care Committee, Strategic Planning Committee and Institutional Review Board.

"I am honored to stand here today and accept the Governor's confidence in me and my ability to serve as the next Secretary of Health of this state," Dr. Johnson noted. "I have built a career around not only helping citizens, but helping government provide meaningful and effective health services to citizens. I look forward to continuing in my commitment to improving the health of all of the people of this state."

The Department's activities are defined by its core functions: health needs assessment, resource development, assuring access to health care, promoting health and disease prevention, assuring quality, and providing leadership in the area of health planning and policy development. It licenses and regulates a variety of health facilities, such as hospitals, nursing homes, ambulatory surgical facilities and other in-patient and out-patient facilities. In addition, the Department supports outreach, education, prevention and treatment services across a variety of program areas. Grants and subsidies to community-based groups are used to provide essential services to the Commonwealth's citizens, including programs for women and children, nutrition, immunization, diagnosis and treatment of certain blood and communicable diseases, cancer control and prevention, and the prevention and treatment of substance abuse.

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