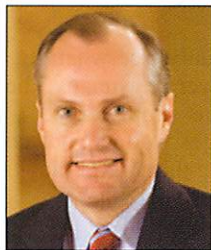


Continuing education, immunity and “safety net” clinics – a message from Lt. Gov. Casey Cagle

As Lieutenant Governor, I have long-supported Georgia’s “safety net” clinics – communities of individuals that come together to provide free or low-cost health care for the less fortunate.

These clinics help provide Georgians who are uninsured and underinsured with a medical home. However, these clinics would be unable to operate on a day-to-day basis without the help of doctors like you. I commend the volunteers who have given tirelessly of their time for the health of others, but there are still many more volunteers needed.

Thanks to the Georgia Composite Medical Board (GCMB) and the Georgia Board of Dentistry, doctors and dentists who volunteer their time



can earn *one continuing education (CE) credit for every four hours volunteered at a clinic*. Every two years, 10 hours of CE credit can be obtained by

volunteering at a clinic. For the latest rules pertaining to the GCMB, please visit www.medicalboard.georgia.gov.

In addition, recent changes to Georgia law regarding the Georgia Volunteer Health Care Program were made with the passage of S.B. 133 by Sen. Lee Hawkins (R-Gainesville). This new law “expands the state’s immunity to cover licensed practical nurses, registered professional nurses, nurse

midwives, and advanced practical nurses employed by safety net clinics.” Furthermore, doctors who are paid by a hospital but work at a free clinic may also be eligible for immunity protections. The Georgia Department of Community Health has adopted rules and regulations for the implementation of this expanded immunity and can answer questions for those who would like to take advantage of this benefit.

If you are interested in volunteering at one of Georgia’s 53 safety net clinics, please call 866.319.0816 or visit the DCH Web site at www.dch.georgia.gov or my Web site at www.ltgov.georgia.gov.

Please join me in supporting our safety net clinics throughout Georgia.
– Lieutenant Gov. Casey Cagle