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Michael D. Atwood, M.D.



Ralph H. Weber, M.D.

Michael D. Atwood, M.D., has joined Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas (BCBSKS) as chief medical officer and medical director. Dr. Atwood takes over the duties of Ralph H. Weber, M.D., who is retiring from BCBSKS March 27, 2009, after more than 20 years of service.

In his capacity at BCBSKS, Dr. Atwood is the primary medical liaison for our contracting health care providers and is responsible for defining and resolving issues related to medical care. He also takes a leadership role in defining medical policies and procedures for BCBSKS.

Prior to joining BCBSKS, Dr. Atwood served as a medical director for Stormont-Vail HealthCare, where he participated in strategic planning, establishing organizational goals, and creating and approving administrative policies and procedures. His previous experience also includes 18 years as a physician with the Cotton-O'Neil medical group and five years with Family Practice, P.A.

Dr. Atwood earned his bachelor's degree in human biology from the University of Kansas, and his medical degree from the University of Kansas School of Medicine. While in school he earned several honors for his academic achievements including membership into Alpha Omega Alpha, Phi Beta Kappa and Phi Kappa Phi. He completed his residency at the Cedar Rapids Family Practice Residency Program in Iowa.

Dr. Atwood is a member of the Association of Medical Directors of Information Systems, American Medical Informatics Association, American Academy of Family Physicians, Kansas Academy of Family Physicians, Kansas Medical Society, and Shawnee County Medical Society.

