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#### **Health care organizations target rural health with event**

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Some 13 health care organizations, including the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, the Alabama Hospital Association, the Alabama Department of Public Health and the Alabama Chapter of the Academy of Family Physicians come together annually to sponsor the Physicians Alabama Opportunity Fair (PAOF), an event geared to help small communities find a doctor. The next PAOF is set for Saturday, Jan. 15, at the Grand Hotel in Point Clear, Ala.

The objective of PAOF is to provide a forum for rural communities to showcase their location and resources while talking face to face with practicing physicians, resident physicians and medical students who are potential recruits. Usually the event attracts 30 to 40 communities and approximately 100 residents or medical students.

If you represent a community or rural hospital in a town with a population of 22,500 or less, PAOF is an excellent opportunity to recruit a physician and to establish or expand quality medical care for its citizens.

If you are a practicing physician or resident physician (or third/fourth-year medical student) with a link to Alabama or an interest in practicing in a rural location in Alabama, PAOF is an opportunity to talk with community or hospital representatives about what their location offers in quality of life and potential income. (The physician's overnight accommodations and most expenses are covered.)

For more information and to request registration materials, please contact Jane Knight, PAOF Chair, Alabama Hospital Association, 500 North East Blvd., Montgomery, Ala. 36117, or call 334-272-8781 or toll free at 800-489-2542.

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