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Darra Edwards is the Corporate Pharmacy Director of 340B Programs for Prime Healthcare, a 45-hospital national health system and parent organization of Southern Regional Medical Center in Riverdale, Georgia. Ms. Edwards oversees the operations and administration of the federal 340B programs for six hospitals and a Ryan White clinic across five states and leads initiatives that optimize use of financial resources to provide comprehensive medical services in underserved communities. As a healthcare leader and clinical professional for more than 20 years, Ms. Edwards is experienced in creating alignment between large hospital systems, physicians, senior leadership, and community organizations to increase access to quality care and promote health equity in complex disenfranchised communities.

For the entirety of the COVID-19 pandemic public health emergency, Ms. Edwards was at the forefront of coordinating and leading efforts to increase COVID-19 vaccination rates and cultivating community coalitions with Clayton County Public Schools, the Department of Public Health, and Clayton State University to improve health outcomes for Clayton County residents. These efforts led to the creation of the Clayton Calling the Shots program, which received nearly \$1 million in grant funding from the Health Resources and Services Administration and provided COVID-19 primary vaccine and booster doses to more than 2,400 adults and children in Clayton County.

In her previous leadership and clinical roles at Wellstar Cobb Hospital, Ms. Edwards obtained grant funding from local foundation, state, and federal sources to implement continuity of care programs that reduced overutilization of emergency services for pediatric asthma patients, reduced readmission rates for patients with chronic heart failure and COPD, and increased medication access to uninsured, low-income patients.

Most recently, Ms. Edwards was selected as a member of the 2022-2023 Leadership Clayton class working with a cohort of emerging and established community leaders to build a robust resource infrastructure that provides wraparound services for those experiencing homelessness in Clayton County. Ms. Edwards has been the recipient of several awards over the years for her dedication to advancing health equity and access including the Clayton County Chamber of Commerce Medal of Valor Award in 2022, the Wellstar Safety First HERO Award in 2019, and the second place PHA Patient Safety and Quality Award in 2017 from the Georgia Hospital Association.