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### **Local Hospital CEO Elected to Statewide Board**

MONTGOMERY – Ralph Clark, FACHE, CEO of Medical Center Barbour in Eufaula, was recently elected to serve as a board member for the Alabama Hospital Association (AlaHA). Mr. Clark, who will represent hospitals in the southeast part of the state, was installed at the Association’s annual meeting in Destin, Fla.

“We are extremely pleased to have Ralph returning to our board,” said J. Michael Horsley, FACHE, president of the Alabama Hospital Association. “He previously served as a board member and as chairman of the association, and we are fortunate to have someone with such dedication and willingness to serve.”

Clark became CEO of Medical Center Barbour in 2007 when Southeast Alabama Medical Center (SAMC), Dothan, began the management of the hospital. Prior to his employment with SAMC, Clark served as senior vice president at Eastern Health System, Birmingham, and president/CEO of Northwest Alabama Healthcare Authority where he was responsible for the operations of Helen Keller Hospital, Sheffield, and Red Bay Hospital, Red Bay, for 15 years.

Clark earned a bachelor’s degree in business administration from Jacksonville State University and an MBA from Samford University. He is a Board-Certified Healthcare Executive and Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives, and he recently completed a three-year term as the Alabama Regent. Mr. Clark served on the AlaHA board for 12 years and as its chairman in 1992. He is currently the chairman of the Alabama Diversified Health Services board and is an active member of the Eufaula Rotary Club. He has also served as a board member of the Eufaula Barbour County Chamber of Commerce.

The Alabama Hospital Association, based in Montgomery, is a statewide trade organization that represents more than 100 hospitals and numerous other health care providers by offering membership services designed to enhance the provision of health care in Alabama.