

## **Dr. Miller Appointed Chief**

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Dr. David Miller has been appointed Chief of the Division of Oral Health in the Office of Health Promotion for the Illinois Department of Public Health. The position was long held by Dr. Lewis Lampiris.

Dr. Miller served in the Illinois House from 2001 to 2011 as state representative from the 29<sup>th</sup> District, which covers a portion of Chicago's southland and adjacent suburban communities. He was chair of the Appropriations Committee for Higher Education, assistant majority leader, and a member of the Appropriations Human Services Committee, the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules, and the Health Care Access and Availability Committee. As one of dentistry's leading advocates and supporters in the Illinois General Assembly, Dr. Miller was instrumental in the passage of legislation to require dental examinations for children entering kindergarten, second and sixth grades.

"I am excited about this opportunity. It merges all my worlds together. As a dentist, I set up my first office in an underserved area of Chicago. I have long participated in dental screening programs. And I bring a strong understanding of the legislative and rule-making process to the position. I am looking to do some exciting things in terms of the use of technology. I want to decrease disparities in access to care, and I am developing initiatives that emphasize the importance of oral health one overall health," said Dr. Miller.

Dr. Miller has practiced dentistry for more than 20 years in the Chicago area and established a Chicago dental office to treat patients, mostly children, from underserved communities. Throughout his career, he has been an active member of various professional dental organizations on a local and state level.

During his career as a dentist, Dr. Miller has made it a priority to promote oral health, especially to children. He has been involved in the Annual American Dental Society's Give Kids a Smile Day, the Tour de Smiles across Illinois, the Mission of Mercy and numerous other dental-related events and screening programs.

He holds a bachelor's degree in biomedical engineering from Boston University and a doctoral of dental surgery from the University of Illinois, College of Dentistry.