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Matt Hicks has earned a reputation as a results-driven, policy wonk. As vice president of government relations since 2011, Hicks serves as a member of Grady Health System's senior executive team in an organization with more than 5,000 employees and a \$700 million budget. He oversees the health system's federal, state and local public policy efforts and is responsible for managing the vital relationships between Grady and its government partners.

Hicks brings more than a decade of experience in public policy to the health system, including work at the local, state and federal levels. He most recently served as associate legislative director for the Association County Commissioners of Georgia (ACCG). At ACCG, he managed transportation and economic development policy and represented Georgia's 159 counties before Congress, the General Assembly, state agencies and various other organizations. In addition, Hicks managed public affairs efforts and special projects for the association.

Prior to joining ACCG, Matthew worked with former Atlanta City Council President Cathy Woolard as the Finance Director in her 2004 bid for the United States Congress and as her Policy Director at Atlanta City Hall. While at city hall, he coordinated policy initiatives with the city council and



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managed the urban renewal Atlanta Beltline project prior to it achieving regional support.

Earlier in his career, Hicks worked on social services and healthcare matters for United States Senator Zell Miller. He has also been a healthcare provider, serving as an emergency medical technician throughout college. Hicks is a graduate of Emory University and native Georgian.