



The Economics of Healthcare in Ohio: Smarter Choices for a Stronger Future



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Dr. T. Clifford Deveny is a distinguished Ohio healthcare leader, having most recently served as the President & CEO of Summa Health, an Akron-based health system. Known for his deep community ties and expertise in population health and physician alignment, he guided Summa through challenging times, including the COVID-19 pandemic, before stepping down at the end of 2025. A board-certified OB/GYN, he returned to Summa in 2017, stabilizing the system and focusing on value-based care, ultimately leaving Summa as it transitioned under new ownership, leaving a legacy of strong community-focused leadership.

Prior to assuming his leadership role at Summa Health in March 2017, Dr. Deveny was Senior Vice President for Physician Services and Clinical Integration at Catholic Health Initiatives in Englewood, Colorado, from 2011 to 2016. After leaving Catholic Health Initiatives, he worked in Charlottesville, Virginia, where he served as President of Locus Health, a company that develops software solutions to enable healthcare organizations improve their population health efforts.

Earlier in his career, Dr. Deveny spent more than 20 years at Summa Health in a variety of clinical and senior leadership roles, including President of Summa Physicians Inc., Vice President of Clinical Services and Service Lines, and Chairman of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology. Dr. Deveny is a clear leader in population health, and an advocate for its vision of increasing the value of care by improving health while reducing costs. In his role at Catholic Health Initiatives he led a population health initiative, establishing 12 regional clinically integrated networks.

Dr. Deveny is an experienced physician and healthcare administrator with a proven track record in dealing with complex health system operational and physician alignment issues. Dr. Deveny earned his medical degree from the University of Toledo Medical Center. He graduated from Denison University in Granville, Ohio, with a bachelor's degree in chemistry.

A graduate of Akron's Firestone High School, Dr. Deveny has deep roots in the city and is a committed and involved member of the greater Akron community, including his work on the boards of Friends of the Summit (91.3 FM) and the Greater Akron Chamber. Dr. Deveny also serves as Chair of the Ohio Hospital Association Board of Directors and is a member of the Board of Directors of Renown Health in Reno, Nevada.



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