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## **North Florida/South Georgia Veterans Health System Appoints New Associate Director**

**GAINESVILLE, FL** — The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announces the appointment of Mr. Joshua Pridgen, MHS, FACHE, as associate director, [North Florida/South Georgia Veterans Health System \(NF/SGVHS\)](#) effective January 30, 2021.



As the associate director, Pridgen is responsible for the executive level oversight of the health system's Primary Care services and Outpatient Clinics.

"Mr. Pridgen's impressive background and previous leadership experience is a welcomed addition to the NF/SGVHS executive team," said Thomas Wisnieski, Health System Director. He is an established health care administration professional that has proven himself to be an outstanding leader in every position assignment he has held with VA since 2008. "We are excited that he will now be sharing his talents and expertise with us."

Prior to his appointment as associate director, Pridgen served as the associate director for the VA Eastern Colorado Health Care System. He has also previously fulfilled leadership roles to include; acting director for VA Salt Lake City Health Care System, assistant director and Chief of the Business Office for VA Eastern Colorado Health Care System.

Pridgen started his VA career at the Orlando VA Health Care System as a Technical Career Field intern. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Valdosta State University in Georgia and a Master of Science in Health Services Administration from the University of Central Florida in Orlando.

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*"...to care for him who shall have borne the battle  
and his widow, and his orphan..."*  
- President Abraham Lincoln



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The North Florida/South Georgia Veterans Health System is one of the nation's leading VA healthcare systems, employing more than 5,600 medical professionals and support staff dedicated to providing high quality care to Veterans residing throughout north Florida and south Georgia. The organization operates fifteen facilities to include two medical centers located in Gainesville and Lake City, and clinics located throughout a 50-county catchment area.

To learn more about the facilities and services offered by the North Florida/South Georgia Veterans Health System, please visit [www.northflorida.va.gov](http://www.northflorida.va.gov) or "like us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/VANFSG>, or follow us on Instagram at <https://www.instagram.com/VANFSG/>

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