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Benjamin Chu, MD, MPH, MACP, was appointed regional president of Kaiser Permanente Southern California in February 2005. He directs health plan and hospital operations for 11 hospitals and 130 medical offices in an area that ranges from Bakersfield to San Diego to serve more than 3.2 million members.

Before he joined Kaiser Permanente, Dr. Chu served for three years as president of New York City's Health and Hospitals Corporation.

A primary care internist by training, Dr. Chu possesses extensive health care experience as a clinician, administrator, and policy advocate. He was senior vice president for medical and professional affairs at HHC from 1990 to 1994. During that period, he also served as Acting Commissioner of Health for the New York City Department of Health.

Dr. Chu also has experience as a leader in academic health center. He was senior associate dean at Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons. He also served at the New York University School of Medicine and Medical Center in a variety of leadership roles. He was a Robert Wood Johnson Policy Fellow and a past health policy legislative assistant for former New Jersey Senator Bill Bradley.

At both Kaiser Permanente and New York City, Dr. Chu has been a strong proponent of the use of electronic health record as a powerful tool for improving patient care.

Dr. Chu currently serves on the board of the Commonwealth Fund in New York and is chair-elect of American Legacy Foundation. He recently completed a three year term as an at-large board member of the American Hospital Association, serving on the executive committee during the final year.

Dr. Chu earned his medical degree at New York University, his master's of public health from Columbia University, and a bachelor's in psychology from Yale University.