

Mississippi | Daniel P. Edney, MD, FACP, DFASAM

State Health Officer

Mississippi State Department of Health

Dr. Edney serves as the State Health Officer for the Mississippi State Department of Health, where he leads statewide efforts to protect and improve public health.

He joined the Mississippi State Department of Health in 2021 as its first Chief Medical Officer and was later appointed State Health Officer in August 2022, a role in which he continues to serve with distinction.

In October 2025, Dr. Edney was elected President-Elect of the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO), representing the nation's top public health leaders and advancing health policy at the national level.



A board-certified General Internist with a subspecialty in Addiction Medicine, Dr. Edney is a proud Mississippi native. He earned his undergraduate degree from William Carey University and his medical degree from the University of Mississippi School of Medicine. He completed his internship and residency in Internal Medicine at the University of Virginia before returning home to Vicksburg, where he has practiced primary care internal medicine since 1991.

Dr. Edney's interest in addiction medicine was sparked by his frontline experience during the opioid crisis. Since 2013, he has dedicated much of his work to treating substance use disorders and educating others through inpatient, outpatient, and community-based recovery settings.

He is a former president of the Mississippi State Medical Association, a Fellow and Laureate of the Mississippi Chapter of the American College of Physicians, and a Distinguished Fellow of the American Society of Addiction Medicine.

Dr. Edney and his wife Lori are the proud parents of three children: Daniel, Meredith, and Meg. They are also doting grandparents to Benjamin, James, Rosemary, Virginia, and Vivian.