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Beverly D. Thomas is vice president of communications and public affairs for Kaiser Permanente of Georgia. She has been with the organization for 24 years and has executive responsibility for public, media and community relations, local government relations, corporate communications and issues/crisis management. She also oversees a \$53 million community benefit portfolio.

Prior to joining Kaiser Permanente, she was vice president of public and community relations for the Grady Health System, which included the largest tertiary hospital in Georgia, the area's only level one trauma center, a pediatric hospital, a long term care facility and a network of free-standing outpatient clinics. Prior to her career in public relations, she was a reporter for the Atlanta Journal and the Columbus Enquirer.

Beverly has been active in community and professional organizations throughout her career. She is currently a member of the board of the Georgia Campaign for Adolescent Power and Potential and the executive committee of the International Women's Forum. In 2013, she completed service as vice president of the board of the Atlanta Women's Foundation (AWF) and co-chair of AWF's CEO search committee.

She is past chair of the boards of AID Atlanta, Leadership Atlanta, and the Georgia Center for Non-Profits. She has also served on the boards of the YWCA of Greater Atlanta and Visiting Nurse Health System. A former state president of the Georgia Society for Hospital Marketing and Public Relations, Beverly is a current member of the Public Relations Society of America and former member of Page Up. In recognition of her professional accomplishments and community service, Beverly was named one of 10 Outstanding Young Atlantans early in her career and later to the YWCA Academy of Women Achievers. Recently, she was recognized by the Atlanta Tribune as a "Woman to Watch" in their annual superwoman issue.

A native of Columbus, Georgia, Beverly holds a Masters degree in public administration/public policy and a Bachelor of Arts degree in journalism, both from the University of Georgia. She completed the Kaiser Permanente's executive leadership program at Harvard Business School and the Kaiser Permanente Executive Program with Stanford University professors.