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**Trenton**, **NJ** – The Medical Society of New Jersey today commended Governor Chris Christie's selection of Poonam L. Alaigh, MD to head NJ's Department of Health and Senior Services. Dr. Alaigh is a member of MSNJ.

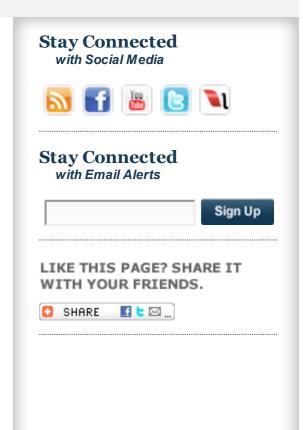
The following is a statement by Dr. Joseph H. Reichman, MD, the 217th president of the Medical Society of New Jersey.

"Our organization is delighted to learn that Dr. Alaigh, a physician, was named to the commissioner's post. New Jersey, along with the rest of the country, is facing its fair share of public health dilemmas and it is comforting to know that we will have a medical doctor in charge -- someone who is well-versed in vaccine-preventable diseases, disease management and understands the issues relating to healthcare in the Garden State."

MSNJ looks forward to working with Dr. Alaigh and the DHSS in our shared mission to improve and protect the health of our citizens.

"We thank the governor for entrusting a seat in his cabinet to one of our own," said Dr. Reichman.

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