

PRESS RELEASE

Healthcare Performance Strategies (HPS) Appoints Managing Director

Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, February 21, 2011: Healthcare Performance Companies, a leading provider of clinical and financial solutions for hospitals and health systems, is pleased to announce the promotion of Fara Marino RN, MS, MBA HCM to Managing Director of Healthcare Performance Strategies (HPS).

Ms. Marino has more than 30 years clinical and managerial experience within hospitals and hospital chains. She has been with Healthcare Performance Companies for more than 10 years, most recently as Consultant for HPS as well as Director of Operations for Anesco North Broward LLC in Broward Country, Florida, where she actively manages the anesthesia group operations for a 150 member group at one of the largest public health systems in the U.S.

Prior to Healthcare Performance Companies, Ms. Marino worked for nearly 20 years at Broward Health, formerly known as the North Broward Hospital District, in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Beginning as Staff Nurse in the Emergency and Operating Rooms, Ms. Marino worked her way up through the District until ultimately serving as Executive Director of Surgical Services where she had fiscal responsibility for a \$50 million division. After BrowardHealth, Ms. Marino opened her own consulting firm, working with hospitals to evaluate and improve their surgical and anesthesia processes, before joining Healthcare Performance Companies.

Ms. Marino earned her BSN and MS in nursing from Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton, Florida and her MBA HCM from the University of Phoenix in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. She is an active member of the Association of Operating Room Nurses and won the Leadership Award twice (1998, 2000) from the South Florida Organization of Nurse Executives.

Ms. Marino was appointed to Managing Director after the recent departure of HPS President Robert Stiefel who stepped down recently to pursue other endeavors.

As Managing Director, Ms. Marino will continue to deliver consulting services as part of a team of physician experts as well as manage the day-to-day operations of the company. Ms. Marino's consulting expertise includes staffing, physician and CRNA recruitment, anesthesia group governance, and management issues.

About Healthcare Performance Strategies

Healthcare Performance Strategies (HPS) is a consulting services company delivering anesthesia and O.R. solutions to hospitals. Its core management team has more than 120 years of combined anesthesia and O.R. experience. With experience in both clinical and business aspects of healthcare, HPS drives bottom line results by aligning hospital and provider incentives and optimizing performance. HPS data products link peri-operative process with efficiency and financial performance, providing fact-based decision support. HPS is a division of Healthcare Performance Companies. For more information, visit Healthcare Performance Strategies' website at www.hpsllc.com.

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