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NHHA executive earns top health care management credential

CONCORD – Kathy A. Bizarro, Executive Vice President/Federal Relations of the New Hampshire Hospital Association, has advanced to Fellow status in the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE), an international professional society of more than 30,000 members who lead our nation’s hospitals, healthcare systems and other healthcare organizations.

ACHE will recognize Bizarro’s achievement next month, during the organization’s annual Congress on Healthcare Management in Chicago. Fellow status is the highest level of professional achievement in ACHE; just 3,200 healthcare executives hold the distinction. Bizarro is the only candidate from New Hampshire to become a Fellow this year.

To obtain Fellow status, candidates must demonstrate their education, experience and leadership in the health care field for several years. They must also complete case studies or a thesis on a healthcare management topic or participate in a yearlong mentorship project. The “FACHE” designation indicates board certification in healthcare management and ACHE Fellow status.

Bizarro has been with the NH Hospital Association since 1985. Her current responsibilities focus on communicating with NH’s congressional delegation and the American Hospital Association about bills on the federal agenda that affect health care. She also is involved in health data policy development, hospital financial reporting, data management, HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act) regulations, and hospital emergency preparedness planning.

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