Joseph J. Fifer, FHFMA, CPA

Joseph J. Fifer, FHFMA, CPA, is president and chief executive officer of the Healthcare Financial Management Association. HFMA provides the resources healthcare organizations need to achieve sound fiscal health in order to provide excellent patient care. With more than 39,000 members, HFMA is the nation's leading membership organization of healthcare finance executives and leaders.

Prior to assuming this position in June 2012, Fifer spent 11 years as vice president of hospital finance at Spectrum Health, in Grand Rapids, Mich. Spectrum Health is a $4.1 billion health system that has received numerous recognitions, including being named a Top 10 Health System in 2010 and 2011 by Thomson Reuters. Mr. Fifer also spent time with McLaren Health Care Corporation, Flint, Mich., as vice president of finance and Ingham Regional Medical Center, Lansing, Mich., as senior vice president of finance and CFO. Mr. Fifer started his career with nine years at Ernst and Young, also in Michigan.

Fifer was Chair of the HFMA Board of Directors in 2006-07. An HFMA member since 1983, Fifer served as a chapter president and for two terms as an HFMA board member. Fifer has been a keynote speaker on healthcare finance and reform for organizations including the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Innovation and The Governance Institute. His industry insights have been featured in *Forbes, Business Week, The Wall Street Journal*, and other leading publications.

A Fellow of HFMA and a CPA, Fifer received his bachelor’s degree in Business Administration from Saginaw Valley State University, University Center, Mich. Fifer is an active community volunteer and runner. Fifer and his wife, Katie, have three children: Sarah, Tom, and Joe-Joe.