Consultant and Specialty Pharmacist of the Year Award Presented to Deb Sopo

This year Deb Sopo was honored by the Consultant and Specialty Pharmacists of Michigan (CSPM) as Pharmacist of the Year. The award was presented at the Michigan Pharmacists Association (MPA) Annual Convention & Exposition, Feb. 22-24 at the Detroit Marriott at the Renaissance Center.

Every year, CSPM recognizes a pharmacist who has made significant contributions to consulting, home infusion, long-term care, nuclear pharmacy or other specialty areas of practice.

Deb Sopo is a Pharmacy Manager at Ascension SE Michigan with responsibilities for the Specialty, Behavioral and Long Term Care Pharmacies, and business development.

In her broad health care experience, Deb uses her unique combination of leadership, analytical, business and clinical skills to focus on a common theme: improving the delivery of care by fixing or building needed services and strategic partnerships.

Deb’s immediate past position was Director II overseeing the Federal Business Division’s Part D Pharmacy Services and Medicare Clinical & Quality Improvement areas. At Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, Deb and her teams created a comprehensive, integrated approach to Medicare Advantage and PDP service delivery.

Prior to joining the Blues, Deb served as Medicare Operations Administrator for HealthPlus of Michigan, as President and CEO of a hospital system and was a health system vice-president for many years. She has held pharmacy leadership positions at various Michigan health care facilities, served as COO of the Michigan Peer Review Organization, was a health care consultant and held a management position in a 900 bed tertiary care university teaching hospital in Canada.

Deb is a registered pharmacist in the State of Michigan and a Fellow of the Michigan Pharmacists Association. She actively serves that organization as chair of the Political Action Council and Third Party Committee. She holds and held many MPA leadership positions including MPA executive board and chair of the Consulting and Specialty Pharmacist Society of Michigan.

Deb is adjunct pharmacy professor at the University of Michigan. She holds a BS in pharmacy from Ferris State University, MBA from Wayne State University, has earned a fellowship in public administration from New York University and the National Association of Public Hospitals, and completed the Inforum Executive Leadership Development Program.

The Consultant and Specialty Pharmacists of Michigan is a practice section of Michigan Pharmacists Association (MPA), representing pharmacists who practice in consultant pharmacy and unique settings such as home infusion, nuclear pharmacy, managed care, long-term care dispensing and consulting, compounding, physician practices, academia, medical homes and specialty pharmacy. MPA advances the profession of pharmacy and patient care on behalf of the 9,000 pharmacists and 15,000 pharmacy technicians in the state.