HFMA’s vision is "To be an indispensable resource for healthcare finance.” The purpose

of HFMA is to “define, realize and advance the financial management of health care by

helping members and others improve the business performance of organizations

operating in or serving the healthcare field.” That's why we provide for our members

professional development opportunities such as educational programs, newsletters, *hfm*

Magazine … and the HFMA certification program, which began in 1957 and evolved to

what it is today.

In the early 21st century, as the healthcare industry continues evolving into an age of value and reform, HFMA’s certification program is more relevant than ever. Changes in the certification program over the past 50 years demonstrate HFMA’s drive to reflect changes in the industry and to be a leader. The HFMA certification programs afford HFMA members an opportunity to enhance their professional development and be recognized by their peers and their employers. Certification candidates demonstrate their dedication to the healthcare finance industry profession and commitment to HFMA.

(This evening/morning/afternoon), it is my privilege to recognize the professionals in the

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Chapter who have successfully attained certification in HFMA. A lot of

time and effort was involved in achieving this success. This is quite an accomplishment.

HFMA certified members are an elite group who represent 9% percent of HFMA’s over 38,000 members.

I would like to take a few minutes to highlight some of the activities these members completed to earn their designation. Qualifying for the Certified Healthcare Financial Professional (CHFP) designation involves satisfying several requirements including:

* Active operations management experience in provider setting including financial responsibilities
* Demonstrating certain requisite skills such as:
* Demonstrating financial management skills including budgeting, forecasting, and financial reporting
* Demonstrating comprehensive knowledge of the revenue cycle operations, pre-service, point of service and post-service, and the impact of operations on financial position.

It also involves devoting time to prepare for and successfully complete the requisite comprehensive exam. This preparation may have included completing self-study courses, attending a coaching course, and investing additional time to review the materials.

The Certified Healthcare Financial Professional (CHFP) exam is a four-hour exam comprehensive exam covering revenue cycle operations, budgeting & forecasting, disbursements, financial reporting, internal controls, and contracts management.

I'd like to ask those of you who completed the requirements to become a CHFP to please come forward and be recognized.

INSERT NAMES

You have successfully met all of the requirements for becoming a Certified Healthcare

Financial Professional. Through having demonstrated your knowledge and ability on the

required examination and fulfilling the other requirements for certification, you have earned the recognition of HFMA and of your peers, and the right to be known as a CHFP. You are entitled to use the CHFP designation after your name for as long as you remain an active HFMA member and meet the certification maintenance requirements. Congratulations!

***(Individually present the certificates and shake hands with the recipients.)***

Thank you—you may be seated.

Becoming a Fellow of the Healthcare Financial Management Association requires further dedication to HFMA and the healthcare finance industry and includes:

* Being a CHFP and maintaining the designation through ongoing participation in professional development activities,
* Being a regular or advanced member in HFMA for at least five years,
* Completing 120 college credits, and
* Volunteering in HFMA or other healthcare finance-related volunteer activity for two years, such as earning the Founders Award Program Follmer Bronze Award.

At this time, I'd like to ask those of you who completed the requirements to become an FHFMA to please come forward and be recognized.

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You have successfully completed all the requirements to become a Fellow in the

Healthcare Financial Management Association and have demonstrated your capacity for leadership.

Your knowledge has been tested through the exams required to become a CHFP and you demonstrated your dedication to HFMA through continued membership and your dedication to the healthcare finance industry through your volunteer efforts. You are now entitled to use the FHFMA designation after your name for as long as you remain an active HFMA member and meet the certification maintenance requirements. It's a privilege to recognize you before this group and as a Fellow in HFMA.

Congratulations!

***(Individually present the certificates and shake hands with the recipients.)***

Thank you. You may be seated.

Once again, please join me in a round of applause for the accomplishments of these

members!

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