

# Linda K. Wertz

Ms. Wertz has over thirty years experience in the Medicaid program. Ms. Wertz served as State Medicaid Director and the Deputy Commissioner for Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) from February 1996 to October 2002. She retired from state government and established a woman-owned health care consulting business focusing on government programs, Medicaid, Medicare and CHIP. Her areas of expertise include Medicaid program subject matter expertise, solution management, and technical consulting. She has demonstrated success in working with both government and the private sector to improve performance and efficiencies in the areas of health and human services including Medicaid operations and administration, policy development, contract management, fiscal agent management, federal, state, and local government relationships, program integrity, and business development. In October 2010 Ms. Wertz joined the national health care consulting organization, Health Management Associates, and led the Austin office for business development and consulting opportunities for publicly sponsored health insurance programs. In March 2016 Ms. Wertz re-established her health care consulting business.

## Professional Experience

**Business Consultant/President, The Wertz Group, LLC, 2016 – present.** Ms. Wertz is responsible for consulting engagements in the areas of Medicaid, Medicare, or CHIP and/or other health and human services for private or public organizations interested in conducting business at the federal, state, or local level.

**Managing Principal, Health Management Associates, 2010-2016.** Ms. Wertz had responsibility for consulting engagements in the areas of Medicaid, Medicare, or CHIP and/or other health and human services for private or public organizations interested in conducting business at the federal, state or local level.

**Business Consultant/President, The Wertz Group, LLC, 2003 – 2010.** Ms. Wertz had responsibility for consulting engagements in the areas of Medicaid, Medicare, or CHIP and/or other health and human services for private or public organizations interested in conducting business at the federal, state, or local level. The Wertz Group, LLC, is a Texas HUB certified woman-owned business.

**State Medicaid Director and Deputy Commissioner for Medicaid and CHIP, Texas Health and Human Services Commission, 1996-2002.** Ms. Wertz had responsibility for the Texas Medicaid Program, a \$13 billion health care program serving approximately 2.4 million low income families, elderly, and disabled persons. The CHIP Program served approximately 525,000 Texas children with a budget of \$1.6 billion. Responsibilities included supervision of 200 staff; oversight and administration of the Medicaid services delegated to five operating agencies; day to day program administration for the Medicaid acute care services; supervision of 13 Medicaid and CHIP health plans serving 1.2 million clients; procurement activities; contract management; customer services; coordination

with Governor's Office and state legislative offices; and liaison with the federal government agencies as well as the general public.

**Bureau Chief Managed Care Bureau, Texas Department of Health, 1993-1996.** Ms. Wertz had responsibility for implementation of the first Medicaid managed care pilots in the state, oversight, strategic development, and monitoring of Medicaid managed care. Responsibilities included daily interaction with the health plans regarding policy development, contract management, proposal development and evaluation, and interface with the fiscal agent claims administrator.

**Manager Purchased Health Services, Texas Department of Human Services, 1987 – 1993.** Ms. Wertz had responsibility for the Texas Medicaid acute care insurance contract and other Medicaid services such as preventive health services, EPSDT, family planning, medical transportation, and client customer services. Ms. Wertz' responsibilities included program policy development, contract management, provider relations, client relationships, and proposal development and evaluation.

**Administrator, Policy & Procedures Unit, Texas Department of Human Services, 1983-1987.** Ms. Wertz was responsible for policy development and procedural guidelines for the Medicaid acute care insurance program and managed client customer services.

**Executive assistant to the Deputy Commissioner for Health Care Services and Assistant Commissioner for Purchased Health Services, Texas Department of Human Services, 1980-1983.** Ms. Wertz provided executive and administrative support to two senior level officials. Ms. Wertz' responsibilities included serving as a member on the Personnel Committee; building management; supervision of secretarial support staff; conducted regional and state office training on the Medicaid program; and participated in the procurement activities of the insurance contract.

**Executive assistant to the Deputy Commissioner for Management and Chief of Fiscal Division, Texas Department of Human Services, 1971-1980.** Ms. Wertz provided executive and administrative support to senior level officials, including budget preparation and fiscal operations, management of daily activities for senior level officials, and responding to inquiries, as appropriate. Ms. Wertz participated in two major projects involving the procurement of the Medicaid insurance contract and a Governor appointed task force to identify improvements in the administration of the Medicaid program.

## **Education**

- Bachelor of Business Administration - Management, The University of Texas at Austin, December 1993.

## **Public Service**

- Chair, National Association of State Medicaid Directors, 1999-2002; Vice-Chair – 1997-1999.
- Member, National Academy of State Health Policy, 1999-2002.
- Co-Chair, Center for Health Care Strategies – 1999-2002.
- Board Member, National Quality Forum – 2000-2002.
- Family Council Chair, Cottonwood Creek Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, 2015-2016.