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Dr. Clarke is president and chief executive officer of the Healthcare Financial Management Association (HFMA), Westchester, IL, a professional membership association with more than 35,000 members in 68 chapters who share an interest in the financial management of the delivery of healthcare services. He has held this position since June 1986.

From 1980 to 1986, Dr. Clarke held positions with Swedish Health Systems in Englewood, CO, including senior vice president of finance and chief financial officer. Prior to 1980, he was employed at hospitals in Florida.

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Dr. Clarke attained Fellowship in HFMA in 1983. He also was president of the Colorado Chapter of HFMA, served on the HFMA National Matrix, and was a member of HFMA's Principles and Practices Board.

Dr. Clarke currently is the Immediate Past Chair of the Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Management Education, having served in various capacities for that organization since 1997. He is also a former chair of AHA Financial Solutions, Inc. (a wholly owned subsidiary of the American Hospital Association). Additionally, he has served on the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago's Advisory Council. Dr. Clarke currently holds an adjunct faculty position in the Department of Health Systems Management at Rush University in Chicago and also serves on the CHRISTUS Health Board of Directors.

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