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### **SMH Physician Services and Professional Relations Director Achieves American College of Medical Practice Executives Certification**

(Slidell, La.–Feb. 1, 2010)—Elizabeth Teague, MS, CMPE, Director of Physician Services and Professional Relations at Slidell Memorial Hospital, has earned the professional designation of Certified Medical Practice Executive (CMPE) from the American College of Medical Practice Executives (ACMPE).

The designation of CMPE demonstrates that Teague has achieved board certification in medical practice management. ACMPE certifies an individual's professional competence when she passes rigorous essay and objective examinations that assess knowledge of the broad scope of medical practice management skills sets. These include business operations, financial management, human resource management, information management, organizational governance, patient care systems, quality management and risk management. The individual must also complete a presentation requirement and earn a minimum of 50 continuing education credit hours.

Teague adds this distinction to her accomplishments educationally, along with her Master's Degree in Administration. Her years of working with Hospitals and Physicians in the region gave her the experience and led her to strive for this certification.

"Access to quality healthcare is a passion for me in my community," states Teague, "and being both educated and competent in my field is what I can do best to realize that passion."

#### **About ACMPE**

Founded in 1956, ACMPE is the standard-setting and certification organization of the Medical Group Management Association (MGMA). Through ACMPE, medical group managers can earn the Certified Medical Practice Executive (CMPE) designation and go on to earn the highest distinction of Fellow in the ACMPE (FACMPE). ACMPE members belong to a network of management professionals dedicated to becoming the best in medical practice management by combining experience, learning and professional certification.

#### **About MGMA**

MGMA, founded in 1926, is the nation's principal voice for medical group practice. MGMA's nearly 21,000 members manage and lead 12,500 organizations, in which almost 270,000 physicians practice. MGMA's core purpose is to improve the effectiveness of medical group practices as well as the knowledge and skills of the individuals who manage and lead them. MGMA headquarters are in Englewood, Colo.

#### **ABOUT SMH**

Slidell Memorial Hospital is a full-service 182-bed acute care not-for-profit community hospital located at 1001 Gause Blvd., in the heart of Slidell. Founded in 1959, SMH is the third-largest employer in St. Tammany Parish, employing 1,100 full, part-time and pool employees. SMH serves as a primary healthcare resource for families in St. Tammany Parish, La.; Pearl River County, Miss.; and the greater Mississippi Gulf Coast region. It is located online at <http://www.slidellmemorial.org>.

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