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Renal Healthcare Association Honors Helen Currier with the 2021 Zawiski Award for Outstanding Leadership

October 14, 2021 - Each year the Renal Healthcare Association recognizes excellence in the dialysis industry by presenting the Mark Zawiski Award to an individual who has exemplified outstanding leadership to the kidney and dialysis industry. We are honored to present the 2021 Mark Zawiski Award for Outstanding Leadership to **Helen Currier, MA, BSN, CENP, CNN**.



Helen's 45 years as a nephrology nurse and visionary leadership have significantly impacted the dialysis community. She was instrumental in developing the certification exam for dialysis technicians, having the foresight to understand its value long before it became mandatory. Helen worked as a pediatric administrator of a dialysis program for over 40 years, caring and advocating for children. Her passion for the pediatric population extends outside of her professional work. Each year Helen participates in a children's camp, affording the children she cares for an opportunity they might not otherwise have a chance for fun! Helen has served as a volunteer leader for many organizations and made significant contributions such as chapter writing and review for ANNA publications and developing the pediatric track for the Annual Dialysis Conference.

Helen has been a long-standing member of the Renal Healthcare Association, formerly the National Renal Administrators Association, and previously served on the Board of Directors as a director and as the 2015-2016 President. She co-chaired the Education Council and the Annual Conference Committee for several years. Over the years, Helen has actively advocated for independent dialysis organizations and the pediatric population through participation in Hill Days to meet with elected officials, served on a Technical Expert Panel on the Prospective Payment System (PPS), and countless meetings with CMS. Her visionary leadership led to a strategic initiative for board development and foresight to conduct in-depth studies on the administrator's role and responsibilities.

A proactive and passionate leader, Helen has left her mark on the Renal Healthcare Association and the greater dialysis community through her many contributions and mentorship. She is a force in the industry, and it is an honor to award her with the 2021 Mark Zawiski award for Outstanding Leadership.

This award is named after Mark Zawiski; a dialysis facility administrator who tirelessly worked on behalf of dialysis patients and associations supporting independent dialysis providers.

About the Renal Healthcare Association

The National Renal Administrators Association (NRAA) is now the Renal Healthcare Association, *Supporting Dialysis Facilities and Professionals*. Since 1977, the Renal Healthcare Association has supported independent and community-based dialysis providers to build a stronger community. The Renal Healthcare Association fulfills its mission through education, advocacy, and services that support renal healthcare excellence. For more information, visit www.RenalHealthcare.org

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