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Prior to establishing Sisyphus Consulting, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Montana, an operating division of HCSC, was Paul's employer for almost twenty-seven years. In the role of the Senior Director, Provider Network Administration and Contracting. He was responsible for the management of the External and Internal Teams that comprise the Health Care Services department and was directly involved in the strategic planning, the tactical execution of the strategic imperatives, the budget development, recruitment, contract negotiations and providing excellent communication and customer service to the physicians, hospitals and other healthcare providers that are contracted with Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Montana. As a large organization, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Montana may not have seemed as accessible to representatives of the provider community. Paul's task was to act as an intermediary between external clients and the individuals within the organization to collectively resolve issues and to also act as a conduit for the flow of information to and from the provider community. If you have questions for Paul, he can be e-mailed at paul@sisyphusconsulting.net.

Paul's formal education is in Computer Science and Mathematics. He attended college at the Illinois Institute of Technology in Chicago, IL, and the University of Montana in Missoula, MT. He began his professional career as the Data Processing Manager for the Montana Workers' Compensation Division, what is now the State Fund. After a brief three-year stint at the Department of Administration for the State of Montana, he has been employed by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Montana for almost twenty-seven years.

Healthcare Financial Management Association (HFMA) EXPERIENCE

Paul E. Pedersen is a past National Director on the National Board of Directors of HFMA and a past Regional Executive for HFMA Region 10. Paul has served at all levels within the Montana Chapter of HFMA, and has held the post of Secretary/Treasurer, President-Elect, President, and Past-president. He is the recipient of the HFMA Bronze, Silver, and Gold service awards as well as the HFMA Medal of Honor. Paul joined HFMA in April of 1994. He believes that HFMA offers excellent opportunities for education and the development and nurturing of long-term professional relationships within the healthcare community.