



Margaret (Peg) Stessman

Former CEO and Owner
StrategicHealthSolutions

Margaret (Peg) Stessman was CEO and owner of StrategicHealthSolutions LLC (Strategic). Peg is part of the elite one percent of women who have owned large businesses.

In 2005, she established Strategic as a partner in the fight against fraud, waste, and abuse in the Medicare and Medicaid programs. She employed a handful of people when she launched the company out of her home. After 12 short years, she grew her small, Midwest-based business into the large-business category. Strategic has received recognition from numerous organizations, including the *Inc. 5000*, *Inc. Impact 50* award, *Washington Technology Fast 50* award, Smart CEO Gov Star award, and ESGR Patriot Award.

Stessman began her career as a nurse in 1985 and transitioned into senior management within the health care industry in the 1990s. In 1996, she became quality assurance administrator for the State of Nebraska, overseeing Nebraska's Medicaid Managed Care Program.

In 1999, she served as director of operations and eventually became president and CEO of a nationally recognized government contracting company that focuses on program integrity and payment accuracy within the Medicare and Medicaid programs. During her five years, she grew the company from a small division of two employees to a wholly owned subsidiary of more than 150 employees with four offices throughout the United States and \$24 million in revenues.

Stessman received a B.S. degree in nursing and an MBA from the University of Iowa. She continues to maintain an active license as a registered nurse in the state of Nebraska.

In addition to serving on the Tippie Advisory Board, she is audit chair and board member for Access Bank, board member for ALCO, and board member for the UI Athletic Club. She is a member of the American Nurses Association, Nebraska Nurses Association, Women Impacting Public Policy, and National Association of Women Business Owners.