Margaret (Peg) Stessman  
CEO and Chairman  
StrategicHealthSolutions

Margaret “Peg” Stessman is CEO and owner of StrategicHealthSolutions LLC (Strategic). She is also chairwoman of Strategic’s Board of Directors.

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 joined IntegriGuard, an Omaha-based government contractor and a nationally recognized company that focuses on program integrity and payment accuracy within the Medicare and Medicaid programs. During her five years at IntegriGuard, Stessman served as director of operations and eventually became president and CEO. 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.

Before joining IntegriGuard, Stessman went into business for herself in 1997 and started Strategic, then a consulting firm for managed care providers. In 2005, Stessman restarted and retooled Strategic with the intent of supporting state and federal governments in preventing fraud, waste, and abuse in the Medicare and Medicaid programs. She employed a handful of people when she relaunched the company out of her home. Today, Strategic employs nearly 300 people in Omaha, Nebraska, and its second office in Columbia, Maryland. Strategic was recently recognized for its rapid growth, winning the Inc. 5000, Inc.’s Top 50 Women Business Leaders, and Washington Technology’s Fast 50 award.

Stessman earned a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing from the University of Iowa and a Master of Business Administration degree 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, Stessman is a member of the university’s National I-Club Board, and a board member of Access Bank. She also is a Cabinet Club member for the Salvation Army in Omaha.