

OAKLAND, Calif., Sept. 24, 2013 /PRNewswire/ -- HFS Consultants (HFS), a healthcare consulting company providing management, financial consulting, operations and strategic planning services to hospitals and healthcare facilities, announces it has hired Agnes R. Torralba, as manager in its Government Programs and Reimbursement Practice area.

Torralba began her career at Aetna Life Insurance Company where she was a senior audit reimbursement representative, managing the provider reimbursement cycle of several hospitals. She then moved to the position of reimbursement manager for La Palma Intercommunity Hospital in La Palma and Martin Luther Hospital in Anaheim, where she handled reimbursement functions concurrently for both hospitals. She later did the same for St. Mary Medical Center and Long Beach Community Hospital in Long Beach.

Most recently Torralba was at St. Jude Medical Center in Fullerton where she was finance manager for the past 13 years. Her responsibilities included oversight of the hospital's government reimbursement function, regulatory reporting, payor audits, appeals and ensuring compliance with all reporting regulations and requirements.

"Agnes's deep expertise and experience will enhance our existing strength in the reimbursement arena," says Trahan H. Whitten, CEO of HFS Consultants. "She will provide our clients with the comprehensive knowledge of reimbursement principles and systems as well as keen insight into Medicare and Medicaid rules and guidelines that HFS is known for. We are the only firm with the expertise to assist all providers, from large academic medical centers to small Critical Access Hospitals, RHCs and post acute providers."

Torralba holds an MBA from De La Salle University in the Philippines and a bachelor of science in business administration from University of the Philippines. She is a member of the Healthcare Financial Management Association and the Leadership Excellence Institute, St. Jude Medical Center.

About HFS Consultants

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