



## **Strategic Health Care Expands Federal Advocacy Team Two Long-Time Health System and Hospital Advocates Join the Firm**

(Washington, D.C., April 29, 2021) Strategic Health Care today announced that Duanne Pearson has joined the health care consulting firm as Senior Vice President. Duanne is a seasoned lobbyist with more than 20 years of experience in state, local and Congressional affairs.

Prior to joining Strategic Health Care, Duanne served as the Vice President of Advocacy for Premier Inc. in Washington, D.C., where he led the company's efforts on Capitol Hill. Among his numerous accomplishments: leading Premier's efforts on the enactment of MACRA, achieving much needed legislative changes to Medicare readmissions penalty for hospitals, accomplishing a significant statutory fix to addiction privacy medical record law (42 CFR Part 2), helping shepherd a collaborative effort with industry, legislators and HHS to achieve regulatory improvements for Stark and the Antikickback Statute, working closely with House and Senate leadership to modernize public health data and the recent two year delay of the MACRA 50 percent threshold, in the December 2020 Omnibus Package.

"Duanne is an outstanding addition to our D.C. team," said Senior Partner and Founder, Paul Lee. "Few lobbyists in Washington have his depth and experience in health policy and advocacy. Our clients will benefit significantly."

Also joining the firm as Senior Advisor is Russ Molloy, JD. Russ has been engaged in public policy and government relations for the past four decades with a focus on health care issues for more than 25 years. Most recently, he served as Senior Vice President of Government Relations for Hackensack Meridian Health (HMH), New Jersey's largest health system. In this role, he led all federal, state and local legislative strategies for the health network and was a member of the system's leadership team.

Russ currently serves as chair of the Integrated Health Care Coalition, comprised of more than 40 of the nation's leading integrated not-for-profit healthcare systems; and remains the long-time chair of the Academic Health Centers of the Mid-Atlantic. He was recently appointed a Senior Policy Fellow at the Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy at Rutgers University. Molloy also heads a consulting firm that focuses on designing strategies to impact public policy.

"Russ is a trusted leader among hospitals and health systems across the country," Lee said, "and his role with Strategic Health Care will certainly enhance our ability to support hospitals and health systems across the nation."

Strategic Health Care is a consultancy with offices in Washington, D.C. and Columbus, Ohio and has operated since 1994.

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