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## **News Release**

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## **STEARNS ACHIEVES BOARD CERTIFICATION IN MEDICAL PRACTICE MANAGEMENT**

PENSACOLA, FL, March 7, 2017 — Deborah D. Stearns, CPA, CMPE, Executive Director, The Women's Group, has earned the professional designation of Certified Medical Practice Executive (CMPE) by the American College of Medical Practice Executives, the certification entity of the Medical Group Management Association (MGMA)

The designation of CMPE demonstrates that Stearns has achieved board certification in medical practice management. Through industry-leading board certification and Fellowship programs, ACMPE certifies an individual's professional competence when s/he passes rigorous essay and objective examinations that assess knowledge of the broad scope of medical practice management skills sets.

Stearns joined The Women's Group in March 2002 after spending 6 years in medical practice management with several start-up organizations in Atlanta, GA. She has over 30-years of experience in healthcare operations and financial management. Stearns is a member of the Florida Medical Group Management Association Board of Directors, the Emerald Coast Medical Group Management Board of Directors, and IMPACT100 Pensacola Bay Area.

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*The Women's Group is an Obstetrics/Gynecology practice located in Pensacola. The group is comprised of six board certified physicians and one certified midwife/nurse practitioner.*

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*The Medical Group Management Association (MGMA) helps create successful medical practices that deliver the highest-quality patient care. As the leading association for medical practice administrators and executives since 1926, MGMA helps improve members' practices through exclusive member benefits, education, resources, news, information, advocacy, and networking opportunities, and produces some of the most credible and robust medical practice economic data and data solutions in the industry.*