

## **WPS announces new VP of Provider Relations**

*Mark Xistris has decades of experience working with health care providers*

**MADISON, Wis.—March 7, 2016**—Mark Xistris is the new Vice President of Provider Relations at WPS Health Solutions. He succeeds Brett Davis, who became President of Aspirus Arise Health Plan of Wisconsin.

Xistris comes to WPS from The Alliance, a Madison-based cooperative of more than 240 self-funded employers and insurance trusts. He joined The Alliance in 1997 and held positions of increasing responsibility, most recently as Vice President, Business Development and Provider Relations. Earlier in his career, he worked in managed care contracting at UW Health in Madison.

Since 2005, Xistris has been a member of the board of directors of the Wisconsin Health Information Organization. WHIO is Wisconsin's all-payer claims database, governed by a board that includes providers, insurance carriers, employers, and the state of Wisconsin. He is in his second term as treasurer and is chair of the Audit and Finance Committee.

Xistris earned a Master of Accountancy – Health Care Fiscal Management from the Wisconsin School of Business at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

### **About WPS Health Solutions**

WPS Health Solutions is a nationally regarded government contractor and Wisconsin's leading not-for-profit health insurer. The WPS Health Insurance division offers affordable individual health insurance, family health insurance, high-deductible health insurance, and short-term health plans, as well as flexible and affordable group plans and cost-effective benefit plan administration for businesses. The WPS Government Health Administrators division administers Part A and B Medicare benefits for millions of seniors in multiple states, and the WPS Military and Veterans Health division serves millions more members who are active in the U.S. military, veterans and their families. In 2016, the international Ethisphere<sup>®</sup> Institute named WPS one of the World's Most Ethical Companies<sup>®</sup> for the seventh straight year. For more information about WPS, visit [www.wpsic.com](http://www.wpsic.com).