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## EmSpring's Kathy Rheaume Earns Certified Self Funding Specialist® Designation

Yakima, WA, April 9, 2014 – EmSpring<sup>™</sup> Corporation's Kathy Rheaume of Selah, WA has recently been awarded the Certified Self Funding Specialist® (CSFS®) designation through the Health Care Administrators Association (HCAA). The required coursework to obtain the CSFS® certification is designed from a partnership with the International Foundation of Employee Benefit Plans (IFEBP) and focuses on employee benefit plans and its associated ERISA framework.



"I've been working on self-funded plans for most of my 20 year career in benefits, so I thought it was time to explore this designation. It was fun for me," said Rheaume. She is the Senior Self-Funded Account Manager and VP of Client Services for EmSpring Corporation, sharing her time between their Bellevue and Yakima offices.

"Kathy *is* the EmSpring Self-Funding department and has been for years. This is a rather prestigious designation in our industry and her accomplishments have made all of her EmSpring colleagues very proud," shared Dan Fisher, EmSpring CEO.

Candidates for the CSFS® designation must complete an extensive curriculum of seven comprehensive courses which cover every aspect that plan sponsors, brokers, employee benefit professionals and other health care professionals need to consider when establishing or maintaining a self-funded health care plan.

## About EmSpring Corporation

EmSpring's employee benefits advisory services emphasize creative health insurance and employee benefit plans. The firm specializes in self-funded medical plans for Pacific Northwest employers with 75+ employees, helping them design ACA-

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compliant benefit plans that attract and retain the best employees. EmSpring also provides HR & benefits services such as an online Private Benefits Exchange, HR Help Desk, HRIS & Payroll Technology, HR Consulting and online Compliance tools. Licensed in Washington, Oregon and Idaho, the benefits brokerage has offices in Bellevue, Yakima and Spokane, WA.

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