

ANDREW PETERSON

| Rociada, NM

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Sarah McDaniel Valencia
Human Resources Bureau Chief
New Mexico Public Regulation Commission

RE: Application for Commissioner, New Mexico Public Regulation Commission

Dear Ms. McDaniel Valencia:

I am submitting this cover letter and my resume as my application packet for appointment as a Commissioner of the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission. I am a resident of Rociada in San Miguel County, New Mexico. In my community, I see firsthand how electricity and natural gas costs, utility reliability for hospitals and clinics, renewable energy projects, and infrastructure development in rural communities affect the people of New Mexico.

These issues are central to the work of the Public Regulation Commission and are important to the future of our state. I currently lead UnitedHealthcare Community & State in New Mexico, where we operate Medicaid and Dual Special Needs Plan health plans serving approximately 60,000 New Mexicans. This work is conducted in a heavily regulated environment governed by the New Mexico Office of the Superintendent of Insurance, the New Mexico Health Care Authority, and the federal government.

Through this experience, I have developed a strong understanding of regulatory oversight, compliance, organizational accountability, and the responsibility to balance public needs with sustainable operations. I would bring that disciplined approach, together with my leadership experience, knowledge, and commitment to service, to the role of Commissioner.

I am motivated by a desire to serve New Mexico in a new capacity and to contribute to thoughtful, fair, and responsible regulation on behalf of the people and communities of our state.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I welcome the opportunity to discuss my qualifications and interest in serving on the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission.

Sincerely,

Andrew Peterson

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HEALTHCARE EXECUTIVE | REGULATORY LEADERSHIP | OPERATIONS | PUBLIC SERVICE

EXECUTIVE PROFILE

Healthcare executive with 25+ years of leadership experience overseeing health plan operations, government programs, regulatory compliance, provider networks, public-sector partnerships, and large-scale service delivery. Proven record leading complex organizations with accountability for performance, operations, quality, compliance, workforce leadership, and financial stewardship. Experienced in highly regulated environments and committed to public service, operational excellence, and improving outcomes for communities.

KEY LEADERSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

Chief Executive Officer for a New Mexico Medicaid and Dual Special Needs health plan serving approximately 60,000 members with accountability for a \$1B operation.

Led launch of the Department of Veterans Affairs Community Care Network, overseeing a network of more than 350,000 providers.

Directed healthcare operations across 13 states and two U.S. territories serving 1.5 million veterans.

Led regulated healthcare organizations subject to state and federal oversight requirements.

Built and managed large provider networks, operational teams, claims organizations, and public-sector partnerships.

Extensive leadership experience in healthcare, government contracting, international operations, and military service.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

UNITEDHEALTH GROUP (2010-Present)

New Mexico Health Plan CEO (2022-Present)

Leads health plan operations, regulatory compliance, member services, provider relations, quality, growth, and financial stewardship for a New Mexico Medicaid and DSNP plan.

Directed greenfield health plan implementation and operational start-up following successful procurement.

Accountable for a \$1B operating environment and executive leadership team.

Vice President/General Manager, Optum Serve (2019-2022)

Supported nationwide COVID-19 testing and public health initiatives.

Led implementation of VA Community Care Network operations and provider network development.

Oversaw large-scale healthcare delivery programs serving veterans and government clients.

Vice President, UHC Community & State (2015-2019)

Led Medicaid procurement initiatives, health plan implementation activities, and cross-functional leadership teams across multiple states.

MEDICAL DEVELOPMENT INTERNATIONAL (2006-2010)

Executive Leadership Roles

Directed operations, strategy, provider networks, technology, federal contracts, and organizational growth. Managed healthcare operations supporting 140,000 covered lives and a network of 400 hospitals and 15,000 providers.

TIME WARNER AOL (1999-2006)

Vice President & General Management Roles

Led international operations, shared services, customer support organizations, and large workforces across multiple countries with responsibility for service quality and operational performance.

UNITED STATES ARMY (1990-1998)

Company Commander and Intelligence Officer

Led military personnel in operational and intelligence assignments supporting national security missions in the United States, Europe, and the Middle East.

EDUCATION

University of North Carolina Chapel Hill - Public Health Leadership Certificate

University of Phoenix - MBA, Global Management

Ripon College - BA, Cum Laude, History and Politics/Government