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## Michael Schiller Honored as 2021 AHRMM Leadership Award Recipient

**CHICAGO, August 23, 2021** — The Association for Health Care Resource & Materials Management (AHRMM) of the American Hospital Association (AHA) has named Michael Schiller, senior director of supply chain at AHRMM, as the 2021 recipient of the George R. Gossett Leadership Award.

The Leadership Award is the highest honor awarded by AHRMM and is given to an individual who has demonstrated an extraordinary level of leadership and professionalism in the field, made significant contributions to AHRMM and advanced the health care supply chain. The award is presented in memory of George R. Gossett, an early president of AHRMM. Gossett envisioned the prominence of resource and materials management in the health care field and championed the educational and professional development of the health care supply chain discipline.

“Michael demonstrates leadership and professionalism in the field of health care supply chain management. His passion and dedication for the field have made him a pivotal player in helping the American Hospital Association and its’ members respond to the COVID-19 pandemic,” said Steve Kiewiet, chief operating officer of CCS Medical and AHRMM’s advisory board chair.

Schiller has a background with hands-on experience in the health care supply field in children’s hospitals. His firsthand experience allowed him to lead the effort to develop and implement the AHRMM Learning UDI Community (LUC), a health care collaborative effort, in collaboration with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration’s Center for Devices and Radiological Health, to address issues impacting the adoption and implementation of the Unique Device Identifier by developing a common understanding and approach within the health care setting. As senior director at AHRMM, he champions the educational and professional development of the supply chain and resource and materials management discipline. His continued dedication to the advancement of the Cost, Quality and Outcomes Movement and clinical integration will carry AHRMM and the AHA into the future.

AHRMM’s executive director, Deborah Sprindzunas, said, “It is an honor to work with Mike by doing the work that positively impacts our members, patients and health care in general. His hands-on experience and expertise have elevated AHRMM to be the one voice that speaks for the health care supply chain profession across the entire field.”

Most significant is Schiller’s performance during the COVID-19 pandemic. His work with the AHA saved lives, fostered the networking of hospitals across the country and provided resources for the field to reply upon during a crisis. Michael played a key role in the launch and implementation of the Dynamic Ventilator Reserve Program as well as developing a repository of vetted non-traditional suppliers offering personal protective equipment (PPE) and other supplies and services.

Schiller will receive the award on Monday, Aug. 23, at AHRMM’s Annual Conference in Nashville, Tenn.

### About AHRMM

The Association for Health Care Resource & Materials Management (AHRMM) of the American Hospital Association is the leading membership group for health care supply chain professionals.

AHRMM strives to advance health care through supply chain excellence by providing education, leadership and advocacy necessary for its members to remain at the top of their field. With more than 3,600 members, AHRMM offers numerous opportunities for professionals to reach their highest potential and grow their network. For more information, please visit [www.ahrmm.org](http://www.ahrmm.org).

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