

Mary Ann Christopher, MSN, RN, FAAN
Chief of Clinical Operations & Transformation

Mary Ann Christopher is Chief of Clinical Operations & Transformation at Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey. She is responsible for leading Horizon BCBSNJ's clinical operations, behavioral health and medical management transformation, and overseeing the population health strategy through value-based partnerships. Her focus is on achieving a statewide, clinically-integrated system of care.

Mrs. Christopher is a nationally recognized health care executive who has a distinguished record of CEO and governance experience. She has more than 30 years of health care experience. She previously held the positions of President & CEO of Visiting Nurse Service of New York and, Visiting Nurse Association Health Group based in New Jersey.

Currently, Mrs. Christopher serves as a Congressional Appointee of the National Advisory Council of Nursing Education and Practice for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Resources. Mrs. Christopher has served as director on the boards of universities, trade associations, hospitals, community-based behavioral health systems, correctional health facilities, comprehensive senior living corporations, assisted-living and skilled-nursing facilities.

In 2014, Mrs. Christopher founded Christopher STH Consulting, LLC. This firm specialized in providing strategic advice, operational transformation and business development services to health care corporations, industry associations, private equity firms and health technology start-ups.

Mrs. Christopher has received numerous awards and recognitions, including:

- One of the Top 50 Most Powerful Health Care Leaders in New Jersey
- The prestigious American Nurses Association Honorary Human Rights Award
- Congressional and industry recognition for her leadership in directing large-scale emergency response efforts

Mrs. Christopher is a Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing (AAN), New York Academy of Medicine, Public Health Leadership Institute of Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Wharton Nurse Executive Program. She has held faculty appointments at Columbia University, New York University, Rutgers University and Seton Hall University.

Mrs. Christopher has lectured internationally and published extensively on a range of topics including health care leadership, population health, value-based transformation and community-based health care. She graduated Summa Cum Laude from Fairfield University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing. She received a Master of Science Degree in Nursing from Seton Hall University and was inducted as a member of Sigma Theta Tau. She was awarded honorary doctoral degrees by Fairfield University and Monmouth University.