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**JACQUELINE M. KOCINSKI, MPP, JOINS ASSOCIATION MANAGEMENT CENTER  
AS DIRECTOR OF HEALTH POLICY AND GOVERNMENT RELATIONS**

Glenview, IL —Association Management Center (AMC) announced today the appointment of Jacqueline M. Kocinski, MPP, as director of health policy and government relations for the American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine (AAHPM). AAHPM is managed by AMC and serves as the professional organization for physicians, nurses, and allied healthcare providers who are committed to improving the quality of life of patients and families facing serious or life-threatening conditions.

Kocinski's most recent position was as the senior manager of advocacy for the North American Spine Society (NASS), a 4,500-member medical specialty society located in the south suburbs of Chicago. Before accepting the position with the NASS, she was employed as a policy analyst with The Council of State Governments, where she worked with multistate committees of government officials examining health and human services issues across the Midwest.

"Jackie's experience in health policy will be invaluable to our organization," states AAHPM CEO Steve R. Smith, MS CAE. "She will be a tremendous asset as we continue to develop our advocacy and government relations activities in the coming year."

Kocinski officially assumed her position with AMC on February 23, 2009.

*Association Management Center (AMC) has been the respected leader in association management for 35 years. AMC ([www.connect2amc.com](http://www.connect2amc.com)) is a trusted partner to 24 leading national and international organizations and has a staff of more than 180 association professionals. AMC provides strategic guidance to boards and volunteers and oversees day-to-day operations, making it possible for its association partners to achieve their goals.*

*AAHPM is managed by AMC and has a membership of more than 3,600 physicians, nurses, and allied healthcare professionals who are dedicated to providing excellence in palliative care by improving the care of patients with life-threatening or serious conditions. For more information, contact AAHPM at 847/375-4712 or visit [www.aahpm.org](http://www.aahpm.org).*

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