



René Kougel, MBA, BSN, RN

President/CEO

René has been with HealthNet for 11 years and was named President/CEO in December 2024. She leads HealthNet in its commitment to improve health equity and deliver compassionate healthcare services to all individuals, regardless of their ability to pay. Serving over 61,000 patients across Marion, Morgan, and Monroe counties in Central Indiana, HealthNet provides high-quality, affordable primary care and support services through its 10 primary care health centers and a range of community outreach and support programs.

René has over two decades of experience in Federally Qualified Health Centers and has dedicated her career to clinical and operational excellence, strategic leadership, and a steadfast commitment to advancing access to high-quality healthcare for underserved populations.

Prior to her current role, she served for five and a half years as HealthNet's Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, overseeing the day-to-day operations of our 10 health centers, School-Based/Title X Services, Enrollment Services, Facilities, Supply Chain, Float Pool, Centralized Services, and Clinical Education.

Prior to this role, René served as Chief Operations Officer for Indiana Health Centers, Inc., an FQHC with 10 locations across the state. She also spent six years with HealthNet as a health center manager, including at HealthNet Martindale-Brightwood Health Center, HealthNet Northeast Health Center, and the Pediatric & Adolescent Care Center (now HealthNet Downtown Health Center.) Her earlier work also includes Clinic Supervisor at Riggs Community Health Center in Lafayette, IN.

René holds a bachelor's degree in nursing from Purdue University and an MBA from Indiana Wesleyan University.