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## **York, Pa. MD named president-elect of American Academy of Family Physicians**

*(HARRISBURG, PA.) Oct. 23, 2014* - The Pennsylvania Academy of Family Physicians (PAFP) is proud to announce that Wanda Filer, MD, MBA of York has been elected to the position of president-elect of the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP).

Dr. Filer is a family physician with nearly three decades of clinical experience and a strong background in leadership, communications, public health, and advocacy. She practices with Family First Health, where she works at federally qualified health centers. Selected by Gov. Tom Ridge in 1996 to be Pennsylvania's first physician general, Dr. Filer has also served as president of the Pennsylvania Academy of Family Physicians (PAFP) from 2003 to 2004 and the president of the American Cancer Society of Pennsylvania from 2004 to 2006.

The AAFP, the national association of family doctors, is one of the largest medical organizations in the United States, dedicated to promoting and maintaining high quality standards for family physicians and improving the health of patients, families, and communities. As the AAFP's president (and the public face of the family physician community), Dr. Filer will advocate on behalf of 115,900 physicians and medical students – and their patients – to effect positive change in the U.S. health care system. Her term as president will begin in the fall of 2015.

*The Pennsylvania Academy of Family Physicians and its Foundation supports its members (including nearly 80 percent of Pennsylvania family physicians) through advocacy and education to ensure a patient-centered medical home for every Pennsylvanian. The Academy and its Foundation are the leading influential resource among family physicians and physicians in training in Pennsylvania; the primary voice on health care issues with state legislative and administrative branches of government, media and professional health organizations; and the leader on health care issues in the community.*

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