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York Doctor Elected to National Board Wanda Filer, MD, 1st PA Physician General, to AAFP Leadership

(HARRISBURG, PA.) The Pennsylvania Academy of Family Physicians (PAFP) is proud to announce the election of member Wanda Filer, MD, MBA of York to the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) Board of Directors.

Dr. Filer, a family physician with a part-time clinical practice at East York Family Medicine, served as **Pennsylvania's first Physician General**, where she acted as public health adviser to Gov. Tom Ridge. In addition, Dr. Filer is the founder of the **Strategic Health Institute**, a past ad hoc member of the **Pennsylvania State Board of Medicine** and **Pennsylvania State Board of Osteopathic Medicine**, past-president of the Pennsylvania chapter of the **American Cancer Society**, and the current chair of Visions of Hope for the **Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape**. Television audiences in central Pennsylvania may recognize Dr. Filer from her 18 years as a **health correspondent for WGAL-TV**, the NBC affiliate in Lancaster.

As a member of the AAFP's Board of Directors, Dr. Filer will advocate on behalf of 100,300 physicians and medical students – and their patients – to effect positive change in the U.S. health care system. In a tumultuous economy and a rapidly changing health care industry, Dr. Filer has been committed to keeping health care effective, efficient and affordable for Pennsylvanians for more than 25 years. Now, she takes her expertise to the national stage. If you'd like to speak with Dr. Wanda Filer about her election, her career and her plans for her three-year term, please contact the PAFP at the above phone numbers or email address.

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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