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## Area doctors plug in, go electronic!

### Providers step into future with electronic health systems

*(HARRISBURG and WILLIAMSPORT, PA.)* Doctors in the Harrisburg and Williamsport areas are saying goodbye to analog. In a partnership between the **Pennsylvania Academy of Family Physicians, PA REACH** and **Family Practice Center, P.C.**, 13 doctors have converted their antiquated paper records systems to state-of-the-art, fully electronic gear as of **Thursday, July 21, 2011**. The new electronic health records (EHR) systems allow for more detailed care analysis, easier prescription management, and speedier filing – ultimately creating a healthier Pennsylvania.

Electronic systems are becoming a necessity in the world of health care, but the considerable time and effort needed to implement EHR systems makes it difficult for some practices to adopt them. Not only have these 13 local doctors from Family Practice Center, P.C. implemented and trained on the new technology, they have demonstrated “meaningful use” – the ability to use the technology to its fullest potential. Their patients will immediately begin to enjoy the benefits of faster, more thorough care. Please contact the Pennsylvania Academy of Family Physicians if you’d like to discuss the impact of this new technology with a staff member, doctor or one of these 13 physicians at the forefront of health care innovation.

The Pennsylvania Academy of Family Physicians and its Foundation supports its members (including nearly 80 percent of Pennsylvania primary care doctors) 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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