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West Virginia Physician Named House Call Doctor of the Year

Edgewood, MD, May 2013 – The American Academy of Home Care Physicians named Cynthia Pinson, MD the 2013 House Call Doctor of the Year at its Annual Scientific Meeting in Grapevine, Texas on May 2, 2013. This award is the highest honor bestowed by the Academy, an organization of physicians and other home care medicine professionals dedicated to promoting the art, science and practice of medicine in the home. Nominated and selected by their peers, award winners are recognized as pioneering clinicians who are bringing house calls back into the medical care mainstream.

Dr. Cindy Pinson founded Travel MD in 2005 with a mission to build the best medical practice that provided compassionate and competent care to the frail population in the Tri-State areas of West Virginia, Ohio and Kentucky. Since 2005, Travel MD has grown to eight providers covering nine nursing homes, 20 assisted living facilities, five personal care homes, and providing an additional 400 house calls per month.

Dr. Pinson left a lucrative position at a local hospital to start Travel MD. She sacrificed financially and did moonlighting jobs to support her family while the house call practice grew. She worked 80 hour weeks for many years, making herself available 7 days a week, 24 hours a day for her patients. One of Dr. Pinson's residency attendings and Chairman of the Department of Family Medicine said: "She has exhibited a degree of compassion and giving that I have seldom encountered in my 42 years of medical practice....she is a true embodiment of generosity and servitude."

Dr. Pinson has a special impact on those that work with her, bringing out positive attitudes and maximizing everyone's potential. She is equally loved and admired by her patients and colleagues. Kendra Hannahs, Vice President of Travel MD wrote that "Dr. Pinson goes above and beyond the call of duty, day or night, to take care of the needs of her patients, always with a smile and a warm hug." It is our honor to award Dr. Cynthia Pinson the 2013 House Call Doctor of the Year.

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Since 1988, the American Academy of Home Care Physicians has served the needs of thousands of physicians, related professionals and agencies interested in improving care of patients in the home. Academy Board member volunteers and members work to reduce barriers and enhance practice education. Notable successes include fostering increased reimbursement, sponsoring multiple educational and scientific seminars and providing the practice community with a variety of helpful publications. Membership is open to those having a professional interest in home care medicine, including physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, medical directors, residents, students, home care agencies and corporations. For more information, contact the Academy's headquarters at 410-676-7966 or visit their website at www.aahcp.org.