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## Conemaugh Physician, Jeanne Spencer, MD, FAAFP, Elected PAFP President

(HARRISBURG, PA. May 5, 2023) Jeanne Spencer, MD, FAAFP, of Johnstown, Cambria County, has been elected President of the Pennsylvania Academy of Family Physicians (PAFP). She began a one-year term on April 22, 2023.

"Family medicine is the foundation of our health care system and most often the first point of care for patients. I'm excited and honored to represent my family physician colleagues over this next year," Dr. Spencer said. "A collaborative, physician-led primary health care team is essential to providing effective, timely patient care and improving health outcomes for all Pennsylvanians."

As president of the PAFP, Dr. Spencer will guide the activities of the Academy's board of directors, provide leadership for the Academy's advocacy, education, and workforce development efforts, and represent the specialty of family medicine to members of the public, the media, and the legislature.

Dr. Spencer is a board-certified family medicine physician and program director of the Family Medicine Residency Program at Conemaugh Memorial Medical Center in Johnstown, PA. She also serves as Chair of the Department of Family Medicine at Conemaugh.

A graduate of the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry in New York, Dr. Spencer completed her Family Practice Residency at Conemaugh Memorial Medical Center where she served as chief resident. Upon graduation, she was hired as a faculty member and promoted to Program Director in 2002. Her professional areas of interest include breastfeeding and primary HIV care.

On a personal level, Dr. Spencer was born in New York and moved to Johnstown for her residency training. She is married with six children; she and her husband have also been foster parents for years. In her free time, she enjoys traveling, bicycling, and playing tennis.

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The Pennsylvania Academy of Family Physicians and its Foundation support its members through advocacy and education to ensure physician-coordinated, personalized, and comprehensive quality health care 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.