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PIAA Member SIMED to Be Honored with Humanitarian Award at 2018 Medical Liability Conference

Rockville, MD (April 27, 2018) – PIAA, the nation’s leading association representing the medical professional liability (MPL) insurance community, will recognize SIMED, a PIAA member and the largest provider of MPL insurance for physicians in Puerto Rico, with the PIAA Humanitarian Award. The award will be presented on Thursday, May 17, at the PIAA Medical Liability Conference in Orlando, Florida. SIMED is being honored for its relief efforts and support of the medical community in Puerto Rico, in the wake of Hurricane Maria.

“SIMED supported not only its policyholders, but in addition the greater medical community and the citizens of Puerto Rico in response to the devastation of Hurricane Maria,” said Richard E. Anderson, MD, Chair of the PIAA Board and Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of The Doctors Company. “SIMED and its employees truly epitomize the spirit of the PIAA Humanitarian Award, and we are proud to recognize them for their selfless acts.”

After Hurricane Maria, key transportation and communication infrastructure across the island were damaged. Public health and the delivery of sorely needed medical care were badly compromised. Many of the island’s medical facilities suffered extensive damage; only three of its major hospitals were still functioning in the days after the storm.

In response, SIMED coordinated medical missions and established mobile clinics that were able to provide relief to residents of Puerto Rico who had been impacted by the storm. In addition, SIMED and its employees donated money, food, water, and medicine in support of the assistance efforts.

“It is remarkable how SIMED responded in this time of great need for the people of Puerto Rico,” said Brian K. Atchinson, President and CEO, PIAA. “From the organization’s donation of \$250,000 in special aid for physicians and dentists, to their willingness to share their own office space with healthcare professionals with no place to meet with patients, SIMED engaged in countless acts of humanitarianism. They are truly deserving of this honor.”

SIMED, founded in 1986 and headquartered in San Juan, is a leading MPL insurer serving hospitals and clinicians in Puerto Rico.

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