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Eagle Telemedicine Focuses on Continued Growth and Industry Leadership *Telemedicine Pioneer Moves Forward as Stand-Alone Company*

ATLANTA—Mar. 8, 2017—Eagle Telemedicine, LLC, an independent, physician-led organization (the "Company") that develops and manages inpatient telemedicine programs for hospitals, announced today that its parent company's hospital medicine practices (Eagle Hospital Physicians) have joined Sound Inpatient Physicians, effective Mar. 1, 2017. Eagle Telemedicine, which began in 2008, will now focus its resources on continued expansion of its telemedicine practices, which have seen dynamic growth over the last several years. The company will also continue to be aligned with leading locum tenens physician practice LocumConnections.

Eagle Telemedicine continues to be a pioneer in the industry, providing quality care demonstrated by over 15,000 patient admissions, and upwards of 20,000 inpatient care encounters annually. Eagle has fine-tuned its telemedicine models of care, adapting them to meet the ever-changing needs of hospitals of all sizes, and is the clear industry leader in delivering TeleNocturnist services.

Exponential telemedicine growth

"Our telemedicine business has experienced significant growth over the past two years," said Talbot "Mac" McCormick, MD, CEO and president of Eagle. "We continue to receive enormous interest in our services from hospitals across the country not only as the result of a compounding physician shortage but from desire for all sizes of hospitals to enhance patient care through broader service offerings. As a Company, we are extremely excited about the future of telemedicine, the opportunity to continue helping hospitals augment coverage, and most of all, improve patient care."

Growing opportunities in TeleNocturnist, Tele-Specialties

"When we created the TeleNocturnist program, many hospitals told us that they were looking for a solution for night call coverage, which was viewed as 'toxic' to many physicians, many of which had already worked all day at the hospital," stated McCormick. Call coverage often leads to stress, burnout and attrition at a time when physician shortages impact many communities. Now a team of telenocturnist physicians can "beam in" and do everything from taking floor call from nurses, admitting patients and even running codes.

"In addition, telemedicine is an innovative way to bring specialists to the patient, rather than having to transport the patient to the specialist," McCormick said. "Keeping patients in-house not only provides quality of care improvement for the patient and peace of mind for family members, but creates pathways for hospitals to improve their financial security."

About Eagle Telemedicine

Founded in 2008, Eagle Telemedicine was one of the first companies to emerge in the telemedicine physician service arena, helping partner hospitals eliminate locum support costs, prevent burnout, manage specialty gaps, reduce unnecessary transfers, and increase services to their communities. Eagle offers telemedicine solutions in multiple specialties including Hospital Medicine, Stroke and Acute Neurology, Nocturnist Coverage, Psychiatry, Critical Care, Cardiology and Nephrology. For more information, visit <u>www.eagletelemedicine.com</u>.

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