TOP TEN TRAVEL COMPANIES

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A NEW YEAR…  A NEW TOP TEN LIST!

This last year has been a good one for the travel nursing industry. The jobs have been plentiful and the wages have been lucrative. It has been a travelers market!

Many agencies have also increased their benefits. With the start of “Obama-Care,” there have been so many big changes in the insurance that is provided to nurses.

This year alone there were 1150 evaluations that were filled out by traveling nurses. New to the top ten for 2016 is Health Providers Choice and Tailored Healthcare Staffing, while Trinity and PRCS make a come back.

Unfortunately, we had to say, “Good bye to Core Medical Group, Valley Healthcare Systems and Aya Healthcare.

There are 3 requirements to be a Top Ten Company:
1. Have to have at least 20 company evaluations.
2. Must have an updated list of your benefits.
3. Must have an updated company profile.

Highway Hypodermics takes pride in this list, and we will defend it’s honor! We check email validity and now have the capability to track IP addresses. Any suspicious activity will be thoroughly Investigated!

NUMBER 10 (TIE) - ATLAS / PPR

The travel nursing industry has evolved, and Atlas was born out of the evolution. Let’s be honest, the old recruiter model is inefficient and no longer represents what you as a professional needs. Nurses are sophisticated consumers. You know how to quickly and effectively research online. When it comes to partnering with a staffing firm, you know how and where to do your research. There is a lot of power in that research, and ultimately it will drive your decision on the agency you partner with.

Atlas is a veteran owned, mid-sized company. We have always believed in a flat internal business model. We don’t have layers of management sitting in offices collecting big checks, or private equity firm owners only interested in the bottom line. That means better pay for our nurses, more freedom for our recruiters, and a happier work environment for all. You can find more information at www.atlasmedstaff.com.

PPR is a medium sized company that places RNs nationwide. Their top priority is customer service. Their recruiters are trained to answer many questions regarding other departments and keeps their recruiter to nurse ratio manageable. This enables their recruiters to give 100% service to each nurse. They are Joint Commission certified.

PPR always does the right thing for the nurses. Their motto has never changed, “We Put You First.” Their recruiters have a long tenure with PPR and their knowledge in the business ensures that they are strong nurse advocates.

Recruiters and nurses typically know right away if it will be a good match for the two of them. If a nurse ever feels that she would prefer another recruiter in the company, she is able to reach out to the Recruitment Manager to discuss working with another recruiter.

www.pprtravelnursing.com
Number 9 (tie) - Tailored HealthCare Staffing

THS understands that their nurses are their number one asset. The nurses are the reason they are in business! Travelers receive 24/7 personal attention from their staff. THS offers the benefits of larger companies while receiving the personalized attention of smaller ones. Their recruiters are exceptional career coaches who are dedicated and easily accessible. They have dedicated credentialing and housing departments as well who work with each nurse individually to make sure every assignment goes smoothly. They treat their travel professionals just as they do their internal staff. That’s why THS travel nurses are entitled to the same industry leading benefits, including 1st day Gold Level medical insurance, 401k with match, paid state licensure, and their Corporate Rewards Program.

Their goal is to provide nurses with a tailored traveling experience over the course of many successful and fulfilling assignments. The nurse-recruiter relationship is at the core of this goal. A testament to their success in this area is their high rate of assignment extensions, nurses who have been traveling with them for many years, and their large number of referrals from nurses who love working with their recruiters.

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Additionally, they are always looking for feedback from their travelers. If ever an issue arises, they are here to listen and to fix the problem.

You can visit them at: www.thstravel.com

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Number 9 (tie) - PRCS

PRCS offers travel assignments to Registered Nurses and Respiratory Therapists nationwide, with their focus on the great southwest: Phoenix, Las Vegas, San Diego, and Hawaii. Depending on the traveler’s availability and timeframe, PRCS can process a nurse’s application and get the nurse working in about a week.

Personal service is an absolute with them! PRCS is locally owned and managed by a healthcare clinician. Their travel manager is also a healthcare clinician. They have offices in Phoenix & Las Vegas. Their telephones are answered 24 hours a day, 365 days per year. Their travelers and hospital clients can reach them at any time. Even their managers are available to address issues around the clock.

PRCS is a small organization. Their owner and travel manager are both healthcare clinicians. They pride themselves in getting to know their nurses and therapists on an individual basis. They treat all of their nurses as individuals with specific personalities, needs, and attention.

PRCS offers top pay, guaranteed hours, uncapped travel reimbursement, licensure reimbursement, free private furnished housing, completion bonuses, and a benefit package from the first day of assignment. The professional liability insurance they provide is sufficient to cover their traveling professionals. A great benefit to Canadian-educated nurses is that PRCS will reimburse the cost of your NCLEX exam.

PRCS is unique in that they are owned and managed by healthcare clinicians and that they are local. Their travelers will personally know them and receive the personal attention they deserve. They value and appreciate their nurses and look forward to continuous working with them!

For more information you can write to them at Professional Respiratory Care Services Inc., 3801 N. 24th Street, Phoenix, AZ 85016 or phone them at 602-508-0100. Their website is located at www.prshwealthcare.com.
**NUMBER 7 - FLEXCARE MEDICAL STAFFING**

FlexCare Medical Staffing specializes in contracting Registered Nurses, who have at least one year of current RN experience, in acute care facilities throughout the nation. Typical contract lengths vary from 4-26 weeks. On most occasions their travelers extend for multiple assignments at the same hospital and many eventually turn their travel assignment into a fulltime position. They feel, if the nurse likes his/her assignment so much that they decide to extend and/or go on fulltime, that is further proof that they are matching RN’s up to the right jobs and right facilities.

FlexCare Medical Staffing places RN’s nationwide, including Hawaii and Alaska, and currently holds contracts with some of the largest hospital chains throughout the nation including HCA, Kaiser Permanente, Dignity Health (formerly Catholic Healthcare West). Tenet Healthcare, Texas Health, and Florida Hospitals.

FlexCare has the job availability of a large company with the service of a small company. Having never advertised, FlexCare has built a company primarily off of referrals from other current working FlexCare travel RNs. You will be treated as not just a name, but also as a colleague and a friend.

One of the key differences between FlexCare and most other travel nursing companies is the fact that your recruiter at FlexCare is your sole point of contact. Your recruiter is responsible for handling every detail of your assignment, whether that is payroll, insurance, travel, housing, etc. Your recruiter has a very intimate knowledge of every piece of your assignment and always has a vested interest making your travel assignment all it can possibly be. If there is ever an issue while on assignment, your recruiter will be there to provide you with the most efficient solution as quick as possible. There is never the need to get transferred between multiple departments within FlexCare, because your recruiter is your sole point of contact for all of these things.

**www.flexcarestaff.com**

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**NUMBER 8 - TRINITY HEALTHCARE STAFFING GROUP**

“I couldn’t find a staffing company that kept its promises. So I started one,” Matt Floyd, R.N., Founder, President, and CEO says. As a former traveling critical care nurse, Matt had become all too familiar with the infuriating drill: showing up to bewildered looks instead of secured housing; paychecks that rarely landed in his hands on time, and when they did, were routinely for reduced or inaccurate amounts; and perhaps worst of all, there was never anywhere or anyone to turn to to seek counsel from or just sympathize with him. Trinity Healthcare was born out of that frustration. Matt founded the company in 1999 around a very simple idea: *Doing what we say we’ll do.*

Trinity is a national company offering travel assignments all across the country, with per diem staffing available through their branch offices.

In 2004 Trinity was named on the Inc. 500 list for being one of the fastest growing privately owned companies in the country, as well as being recognized as one of the fastest growing companies in South Carolina in 2003 and 2004.

Trinity is a Joint Commission certified company that offers the following benefits to their travel nurses: major medical, dental, vision, prescription drug coverage along with life insurance of $25,000, workman’s compensation, general liability insurance, professional liability insurance, 401K, completion bonuses for quite a few assignments, and an unlimited general referral bonus. You receive all of this, in addition to one of the highest pay packages in the industry. While their employees are covered by Trinity, they are rather conservative and of the belief that one can never have too much professional liability insurance. So give us a call and let us help you help others, like the unique specialists you are.

For more information, contact them at 1834 Sally Hill Farms Blvd., P.O. Box 5955, Florence, SC 29501, 877-417-9507, [www.TrinityHSG.com](http://www.TrinityHSG.com).

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**Number 6 – TotalMed Staffing**

TotalMed Staffing Travel Division specializes in 4 to 26 week travel assignments for Registered Nurses, Dialysis Technicians, Surgical Technologists and Surgical Assistants all over the United States. On average, the typical travel assignment for a healthcare professional is 13 weeks in length. TotalMed feels there is no substitute for honest, caring relationships. Patients know it. You know it. That is why TotalMed Staffing strives to engage in genuine relationships. Your professional goals in healthcare drive them to find the right healthcare staffing solution for you. Their dedicated experts in your specific field take time to get to know you, your experience, your aspirations and your personality. They take pride in providing an individually personalized service and finding the right solution that meets your requirements for pay, benefits, employer support, or whatever else you may need. No matter what the employment opportunity, from local staffing to travel staffing, they match the right people with the nation’s top healthcare organizations.

TotalMed Staffing is a medium-sized, minority-owned and privately owned healthcare staffing agency that offers flexible staffing solutions such as: per diem, local contract, travel nursing, contract-to-hire, and direct placement. In addition, they have recruitment experts in allied health, scientific, insurance, and healthcare financial services. Being that TotalMed Staffing is a medium sized company it allows their recruiters to spend quality time getting to know their nurses and finding the right solution that meets your requirements for pay, benefits, employer support, or whatever else you may need. No matter what the employment opportunity, from local staffing to travel staffing, they match the right people with the nation’s top healthcare organizations.

TotalMed prides themselves on genuine relationships and currently walks in their travelers to each assignment if it is at a new client or local to Wisconsin, Illinois or Minnesota which not only helps them get acclimated to the facility and unit but also helps us educate the traveler of the environment they are going to be working at. They understand a relationship starts with listening. Contact TotalMed Staffing today. A professional healthcare staffing recruiter is ready to talk about your employment needs.

[www.totalmedstaffing.com](http://www.totalmedstaffing.com)

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**Number 5 – One Staff Medical**

OneStaff Medical is a medium sized company that places RNs as well as Allied Health modalities. They staff nurses and allied workers nationwide.

To assure personal service, they hire only experienced recruiters that focus on customer services instead of just sales. They are Joint Commission certified, and do regular evaluations with RN’s to ensure the fit is still good for all parties.

OneStaff’s medical insurance is through Blue Cross / Blue Shield with dental and vision provided through Met Life. At this time they have a 4% dollar for dollar match in our 401K. Company match is after 1 year of service. Another great benefit is the paid private apartments.

They make a difference related to their experience. They consist of experienced recruiters that started with other firms. Their average recruiter has been in the industry at least 5 years.

[www.onestaffmedical.com](http://www.onestaffmedical.com)
**Number 4 - IPI Travel**

IPI specializes in RN's and Rehab, Nurse Practitioners and Pharmacists. They have nationwide assignments, and they are available in most cities.

IPI is a privately owned and operated mid-western company, they are medium in size but huge in heart and customer service. They are a direct reflection of many years of hard work and dedication. IPI treats each traveler as a unique individual.

IPI has a phone number that their nurses can call in the middle of the night and weekends. They realize that they are your lifeline and once they receive your page they will contact the nurses as soon as possible. A clinical nurse liaison is also available as needed.

From the president: On many occasions I have been asked the question “Why should I choose IPI Travel” I don’t have to think twice when I answer this question; IPI is a direct reflection of many years of hard work and dedication. We treat each traveler as a unique individual. Customizing each travel assignment, asking the question “what are you looking for in an assignment” These are the principles IPI Travel has maintained since 1999. To this day we demand continued excellence from all of IPI’s internal staff as well as our travelers.

Our goal is for each of our customers to have a feeling of “Wow” when interacting with the IPI team. Great demand; this is why we are committed to making your travel assignment rewarding and hassle-free. I will personally guarantee your assignment will be everything we promised. For questions regarding IPI Travel or comments please feel free to call.

IPI’s values our travelers, and work every day to improve our processes and service. Just doing isn’t good enough, being the best is what we strive for.

[www.ipitravel.com](http://www.ipitravel.com)

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**Number 3 - Premier Healthcare Professionals**

PHP has numerous openings for RN’s LPN’s, OT’s, ST’s and PT’s throughout the 50 States. They offer Nationwide assignments through PHP and its subsidiary Bridge Staffing. They can also offer International assignments (when available) through their company owned offices in England, Australia and South Africa.

The level of care and support provided to their healthcare professionals is their major focus. Most of PHP’s staff have worked for the company for over 10 years and they believe that they have built up a vast experience on how their healthcare professionals should expect to be treated. They understand that their healthcare professionals are human and each have personal targets and personalities. Their healthcare professionals are each assigned to a personal recruiter who is trained to both recognize and adapt to each of their clinical colleagues being different and having varying requirements. The management of PHP review and discuss all communication with their professionals that is stored on their company’s database. Management also makes itself readily available to all healthcare professionals should any issues arise.

The facts are that they know what they are doing….they have been doing the same thing for 25 years. Their staff are some of the most experienced in the industry. On average each of them has been employed by PHP for over 10 years. They place in all 50 States in the USA and internationally. On top of all of this they have won numerous awards within the industry for their pay and service standards. Not many staffing companies can boast all of this.

Apart from all of the outstanding service standards that you can expect, PHP will never be beaten on a genuine pay or benefits package. They recognize that healthcare professionals have a choice when it comes to staffing companies. They simply have to offer the best packages in order to grow and flourish.

[www.travelphp.com](http://www.travelphp.com)
NUMBER 2 - TALEMED

TaleMed offers a wealth of traveling nurse employment opportunities all across the country. From friendly towns to exciting facilities to bustling metropolitan centers, they can place you in the locations and nursing jobs that you have always dreamed of, and from the community facility to the prestigious teaching hospital they can find the professional environment that's just right for you. TaleMed reaches into all 50 states, offering a wealth of traveling nurse job opportunities, and they can have you ready to go between 24 hours and 4 days for a nurse that is ready to work and has completed all the necessary details prior to submitting to a hospital.

They are a small company. You are absolutely 100% treated as a name, and they will be on a first-name basis with you. As a nurse and as their employee, you are their number one priority. You have access to their personal cell phone numbers. They also have a "hotline" of somebody on call each night. It is critical to them that you know that they are available at all times for you.

They offer paid benefits that start from day one. This includes medical, dental, AD&D, life and prescription coverage. They also have made available short and long term disability. 401K is also available. 100% of your malpractice is covered by TaleMed.

At TaleMed, they understand that traveling to the leading hospitals and exciting locations is a big attraction to the job. The new challenges and new opportunities to grow in your profession are just as important. They have listened, and they've built a company that works hard for you and your dreams.

At TaleMed you don't work for them; they work for you. TaleMed is built on experience and knowledge in the medical field. With over 75 years of experience supporting their goal and service, they make you their number one priority.

For more information, they can be found online at www.talemed.com

NUMBER 1 - HEALTH PROVIDERS CHOICE

All nurses working with Health Providers Choice are employees of Health Providers Choice (W-2 employees). They are able to offer assignment terms of 4 weeks to 26 weeks in length for travel and local RN's with flexible scheduling for per-diem RN's.

Health Providers Choice specializes in nurse placement however they also place certified scrub techs and a few allied health personnel. They have a national client base and have placed most specialties. You can visit their website for a complete list of their current positions.

Health Providers Choice is nurse owned and operated. All decisions that are made within the company are made by nurses for nurses. The nurse founders of HPC are dedicated to the success of their colleagues. HPC uses full disclosure and open negotiation allowing for mutual decision making and collaborative contracting. They are proud to have high retention rates and employee satisfaction scores that are 68% higher than the national average.

At Health Provider Choice their mission is to exceed the service and quality expectations of their customers, the community, the professionals they employ and themselves. They are true to this mission and are always excited to have another industry professional join them in successfully executing it.

Get more information here: www.hpcnursing.com
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