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FPMA MEETS LOCAL 45 (GUILD) HEALTH INSURANCE ENROLLMENT THRESHOLD

TALLAHASSEE, FL – The Local 45 (GUILD) of the Office and Professional Employees International Union (OPEIU) officially confirmed that the Florida Podiatric Medical Association has met the threshold for enrollment and announced that all members of the OPEIU/GUILD 45 will have access to fully insured healthcare plans through Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield. Coverage for initial enrollees will begin on September 1, 2019.

“FPMA continuously works to identify and provide more benefits for our members in order to make their membership valuable to them and their practices,” said FPMA President Andre M. Williams, DPM. “It has been a constant desire of FPMA to be able to provide quality and affordable health insurance as a benefit of membership. Today, that desire is a reality. This benefit could become one of the most important benefits our Association provides in the coming years.”

The health plan met success through the consistent hard work and dedication of a large team, including FPMA members and staff. “The Guild, in partnership with OPEIU, continues to work every day to provide value to your membership. This benefit has taken the better part of almost two years of regulatory approvals, rewrites, and negotiations,” said FPMA Labor Relations Chairman Terence D. McDonald, DPM. “It has been no small task to produce a plan that is fully underwritten and managed by a major carrier. Eligibility is achieved and maintained uniquely through your membership in FPMA, which is a member of OPEIU Local 45. I am hopeful many of you will benefit from this new plan.”

For additional information on FPMA Member Benefits, and to view the available plans, please visit fpma.com.

***FPMA Mission Statement:** FPMA strives to promote Podiatric Physicians as the preferred providers of Medicine and Surgery of the Foot, Ankle, & Lower Extremity in the State of Florida and elevate public knowledge of Podiatric Medicine and Surgery at all levels throughout the state.*

***FPMA Vision:** To be recognized as the leading voice and pre-eminent resource for the Podiatric Profession in the State of Florida.*