



FPMA Legislative Checklist

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- Register to vote.** Your vote DOES matter and provides you with a voice in government. Make your opinions heard through your vote.
- Contact your legislator.** Visit www.leg.state.fl.us and click on either House or Senate and find your legislator. Use the information to call or e-mail your legislator.
 1. Identify yourself as a constituent and employer.
 2. Tell them what action you want them to take.
- Educate your employees.** Your employees need to know the importance of making their opinions known - and the influence they can have. Their livelihood is directly impacted by the decisions legislators make.
- Visit your legislators office.** A face-to-face meeting is one of the best ways to educate legislators about our concerns.
 1. Call to schedule a meeting.
 2. Bring FPMA materials pertaining to the matter.
 3. Speak to the message.
 4. Make a specific request during the meeting - support/not support.
 5. A few days later, send a thank you note.
- Invite your legislator to your office.** Let them see your office first-hand and meet your employees.
 1. Show them what you do.
 2. Create a photo opportunity.
 3. Ask them to list you as a health care resource.
- Involve legislators in your business.** This is your chance to make your office their priority. Add legislators to your database and send them your newsletters and practice updates.

The Florida Podiatry Political Committee is the Florida State recognized independent arm of the Florida Podiatry profession created to provide financial election support to bipartisan candidates for the Florida House and Senate. The FP-PC created a "Podiatric Fact Sheet", which is supplied to all candidates we support. The information contained on this fact sheet will hopefully be taken into account when legislators are faced with medical legislation, ensuring that Florida Podiatry will be included.