



FPMA Alert

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FPMA Presidential Message

Financial Impact of COVID-19

Dear Members,

We had a productive Executive Committee meeting last weekend in Orlando. It was followed by a virtual Finance/Budget meeting and a virtual Executive Board meeting, which was well-attended. We decided to have an in-person EC meeting due to the fact that we had an extensive agenda and it is difficult to have a virtual eight-hour meeting, both mentally and physically.

During all three meetings, the majority of the time was focused on assisting our members now and in the future in regards to the Coronavirus pandemic. We are all actively practicing Podiatric Physicians and are dealing with the same issues on a daily basis in regards to office closures or restricting office visits to acute problems.

At FPMA, we understand the ramifications this pandemic will have on all of our finances. We also realize that the financial impact could last 4 - 8 months. In line with APMA, FPMA has proactively delayed initial dues for fiscal year 2020 - 2021 (June 1 - May 31) until August 1, 2020. We hope that the nation and economy will be on a more favorable footing by that time. We believe this gift of time is more beneficial than simply removing one payment. If FPMA were to absorb FPMA and APMA dues

for one year, it would wipe out our \$1.4-million-dollar reserve. We have proactively moved \$981,000 from our reserves as follows:

- \$300,000 distributed to the FPMA operating budget
- \$181,000 to a certificate of deposit maturing September 2020, and
- \$500,000 to FDIC money market accounts

We believe these measures will keep the association running smoothly through this turbulent time. The pandemic is a moving target, but the FPMA Executive Committee is in constant communication to make adjustments to our plans as they come up.

My recommendation to all members is to apply for an Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) and a Payroll Protection Program (PPP) Loan if you are still retaining and paying your employees. Listed below are links to information available to facilitate the process. You can access links to this information, and other financial resources, on the FPMA Coronavirus Updates and Resources page located at https://www.fpma.com/coronavirus_updates_and_resour.php.

- Small Business Administration COVID-19 Economic Injury Disaster Loan Application - <https://covid19relief.sba.gov/#/k>
- Small Business Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) Overview - https://www.floridabankers.com/docs/Links/News/PPP_Overview_3.1
- Paycheck Protection Program Loan Application - https://www.floridabankers.com/docs/Links/News/Borrower_Payche
- Paycheck Protection Program Information Sheet - https://www.floridabankers.com/docs/Links/News/PPP_Borrower_Inf

We are all business owners and now is the time we must be diligent in educating ourselves on available avenues to keep our businesses viable. APMA has done an excellent job of sending out frequent information and links to resources members qualify for to survive this pandemic financially.

Stay safe and know that FPMA is available to our members for any inquires.

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