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FPMA Presidential Message

Membership Dues Relief Program

Dear Members,

I hope this finds you and your loved ones safe and well. The coronavirus pandemic is something none of us could have even imagined four months ago. As a practicing Podiatric Physician, like the majority of you, I am experiencing the same turmoil in my practice as you are. Seeing an empty waiting room, unable to perform elective surgeries, maintaining an office and overhead, and looking out for employees, whom we treat as family, have become a daily ritual. The Medicare stimulus deposit we recently received was a welcome surprise to our checking accounts. I have also applied for the SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loan and the Paycheck Protection Program Loan and hope each of you have as well.

As we all know, financially the worst is yet to come. Our finances were minimally affected in March, since the insurance payments we received were for patients seen in January and February. We are all going to feel the burn

very shortly and even with SBA loan assistance, it is going to be an extended road to recovery. But recover we must and recover we will.

At this point in time, our members' well-being is of paramount importance to the FPMA Executive Committee and Executive Board. Thus, we have developed a dues relief program we hope will provide the maximum relief, when combined with the [APMA dues relief program](#), all while maintaining FPMA's fiscal viability.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND DEADLINES

DEADLINE	APMA	FPMA
Current Fiscal Year (2019 - 2020)		
Dues Payment Extended	July 1, 2020	July 1, 2020
New Fiscal Year (2020 - 2021)		
Waived 1st Quarter Dues	Yes	Yes
Renewal Invoices Sent	July 1, 2020	July 1, 2020
First Payment Due	September 1, 2020	September 1, 2020
New Member Dues	N/A	First Payment September 1, 2020

The FPMA Membership Dues Relief Program includes:

- **Current fiscal year 2019-2020 dues (for current members):**
 - Deadline for final dues payments extended from May 31, 2020 to July 1, 2020
- **Next fiscal year 2020-2021 dues (for renewing members only):**
 - First Quarter waiver (June, July, and August 2020) of FPMA dues
 - A three-month extension for dues payment from June 1, 2020 to September 1, 2020
- **Next fiscal year 2020-2021 dues (for NEW members):**

- First Quarter waiver (June, July, and August 2020) of FPMA dues
- First payment due September 1, 2020

Our corporate partners also remain committed to helping our members during this time. Detailed information about all FPMA member benefits can be found on the FPMA website **Member Benefits page**, located at https://www.fpma.com/member_benefits.php, and include:

- PICA member discount
- Health insurance coverage through APMA or OPEIU/Guild 45
- Transamerica's FPMA 401(k) Multiple Employer Plan

We know this pandemic is a moving target within all our lives. I want to assure you that your leadership is working diligently to provide all our members with the tools they need to make it through these challenging times.

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