

NYSPMA LEGAL BENEFITS PLAN EARLY REGISTRANTS BONUS PACKAGE

If you register on or before June 30, 2019, for the program commencing August 1, 2019, to July 31, 2020, you will receive the following, which no other program offers:

- 1. One hour of free legal consultation on matters where you have legal questions or issues.
- 2. One hour of free legal services applied to legal services when you retain the law firm of Feldman Kieffer, LLP for professional services.
- 3. Forms including an updated Business Associate Agreement and Notice of Privacy Practices for HIPAA compliance purposes.
- 4. Updated written sexual harassment policy and training guidelines to comply with NY's new mandatory requirements for all employers. [NEW BENEFIT]

Enclosed is an application form for the **NYSPMA Legal Benefits Plan**, formerly known as the Podiatry Protection Program. If you have been a member of the Podiatry Protection Program, the protection afforded under this program expires July 31, 2019. To continue receiving the benefits of the program or upgrade your benefits, please complete an application and mail it in with your check made out to the NYSPMA Legal Plan.

For members who have not previously participated in the program, please complete the application form, and send in your check made out to the NYSPMA Legal Benefits Plan in the amount of \$345.00 for \$7,500.00 in coverage or \$445.00 for \$10,000.00 in coverage, and mail to the New York State Podiatric Medical Association to receive the early registration benefits.

Any applications or checks received after July 31, 2019, will be returned, and you will not be eligible for either continued membership or new membership. If you have any questions about the Program, please contact the Association at 212-996-4400 or Andy Feldman, Esq. at 716-852-5875.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

New York State Podiatric Medical Association Legal Benefits Plan (LP) is available to New York State Podiatric Medical Association members in good standing. The Plan is designed to protect the legal and financial interests of podiatrists facing public and private administrative proceedings. The Plan is not insurance or an insurance plan and is not the offering of an insurance plan, and benefits do not include litigation or threatened litigation.

The Plan provides legal benefits in exchange for a payment, and includes benefits covering potential actions, proceedings, and/or investigations before the New York State Education Department, Medicaid or Medicare, Workers' Compensation, the United States Office of Civil Rights (HIPAA), United States Occupational and Safety Health Administration, IPRO, and any Health Maintenance Organization (HMO) or other insurance/managed care plan, provided that coverage for HMO and insurance/managed care plan issues relate only to claims, proceedings, and/or investigations where the HMO or insurer seeks to recover or recoup money from a podiatrist for fraud or similar alleged wrongdoing and not to ordinary billing disputes or routine denials of reimbursement.

Legal services are provided by Feldman Kieffer, L.L.P. Matthew Feldman serves as general counsel to the New York State Podiatric Medical Association. Benefits of LP are secondary to any applicable insurance or other financial coverage an NYSPMA member podiatrist has for the particular legal matter and the LP plan shall only be utilized when such other coverage has been exhausted.

Plan benefits are only effective for the LP year from August 1, 2019, through July 31, 2020, and the matter must fall within the plan year and notice of such matter must be made while coverage is in effect in order for coverage to be provided. If a legal matter is outside the definition of the LP as described in this provision or coverage limits have been reached, Feldman Kieffer shall provide services to a podiatrist at a preferred billing rate on a direct bill basis to the podiatrist client, provided that Feldman Kieffer determines that the matter is one in which Feldman Kieffer can adequately represent the podiatrist client.

The NYSPMA Legal Benefits Plan does not include benefits for litigation or criminal matters under any circumstances. Participation by NYSPMA members in the NYSPMA Legal Benefits Plan is subject to screening and approval by Feldman Kieffer LLP and NYSPMA, which screening and approval can, at a minimum, consist of review of prior usage and utilization history with the Podiatry Protection Program, review of any malpractice or professional disciplinary history, and review of any NYSPMA ethics and NYSPMA peer review history. (Over)



NYSPMA LEGAL BENEFITS PLAN APPLICATION FORM

FROM AUGUST 1, 2019 TO JULY 31, 2020 (Additional Benefits for Applications by 6/30)

Check One: ☐ Renewal ☐ New Member			ecial for Applications and in by June 30, 2019
Name			
Mailing Address	City	State	Zip Code
Telephone Number	Fax Number		
E-mail Address	APMA/NYSPMA Member ID No.		
Check is Necessary:			
\square I have enclosed a check in the amount of \$345.00 for \$7,500 in coverage			
\square I have enclosed a check in the amount of \$445.00 for \$10,000 in coverage			
\square I am submitting my application now and prior to June 30, 2019 for the Early Registration Special			
Make checks payable to <u>Podiatry Protection Plan</u> and mail to: (ALTHOUGH THE NAME HAS CHANGED PLEASE CONTINUE TO WRITE CHECKS OUT TO "PODIATRY PROTECTION PLAN") New York State Podiatric Medical Association 555 8 th Avenue, Ste. 1902 New York, NY 10018			

The NYSPMA Legal Benefits Plan, formerly known as PPP, affords you access to legal services for the following:

- Claims for Reimbursement by an HMO or Insurance Company.
- · Claims for Reimbursement by New York State or Federal Regulatory Agencies Including Medicare and Medicaid.
- Administrative Proceedings and Investigations before the New York State Education Department, Office of Professional Discipline.
- Protection for HIPAA and OSHA complaints and compliance.
- Workers' Compensation administration issues.
- Investigation and proceedings before IPRO.
- Investigations and proceedings by the OCR (Office of Civil Rights).
- Identity theft issues.
- New York State Sales Tax Bureau.
- New York State Department of Labor Employee Classification Bureau.
- Defense of allegations of discrimination filed with The New York State Division of Human Rights. [New benefit].
- Defense of allegations of discrimination filed with The U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. [New benefit].
- Interactive Online Sexual Harassment Training for Plan members and their staff, offered 2x annually [New benefit].
- Preferred billing rates for all other matters, including preparation of contracts, business transactions.
- Additional benefits are available for members who join on or before June 30, 2019.

Participation in NYSPMA Legal Benefits Plan is subject to the T&C available from the NYSPMA website and enrollment acknowledges receipt of same, so no one can sign up without acknowledging these terms.