



PODIATRY PROTECTION PROGRAM
APPLICATION FORM
FROM AUGUST 1, 2017 TO JULY 31, 2018

Check One: ☐ **Renewal** ☐ **New Member** ☐ *Early Registration Special for Applications and Checks Forwarded in by June 30, 2017*

Name

Mailing Address

City

State

Zip Code

Telephone Number

Fax Number

E-mail Address

APMA/NYSPMA Member ID No.

Check is Necessary:

- ☐ *I have enclosed a check in the amount of \$345.00 for \$7,500 in coverage*
- ☐ *I have enclosed a check in the amount of \$445.00 for \$10,000 in coverage*
- ☐ *I am submitting my application now and prior to June 30, 2017 for the Early Registration Special*

Make checks payable to Podiatry Protection Program and mail to:

**New York State Podiatric Medical Association
555 8th Avenue, Ste. 1902
New York, NY 10018**

The **Podiatry Protection Program** affords you coverage 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.



PODIATRY PROTECTION PROGRAM EARLY REGISTRANTS BONUS PACKAGE

If you register on or before June 30, 2017, for the program commencing August 1, 2017 to July 31, 2018, 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. A legal check-up for your medical practice.

Enclosed is an application form for the Podiatry Protection Program. If you are already a member of the Podiatry Protection Program, the protection afforded under this program expires July 31, 2017. For existing members who intend to renew their membership program or upgrade their existing program, please complete an application and mail it in with your check made out to the Podiatry Protection Program to receive the benefits of this valuable protection program.

For new members who have not previously joined the program, please complete the application form, and send in your check made out to the Podiatry Protection Program 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, 2017, 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 at 716-852-5875.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

New York State Podiatric Medical Association Podiatry Protection Program (PPP) 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.

The Plan provides legal coverage in exchange for a payment for potential claims, proceedings, and/or investigations before the New York State Education Department, Medicaid or Medicare, Workers' Compensation, the United States Office of Civil Rights (HIPPA), 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 relates 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 claims.

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

Coverage for a legal matter is only effective for the PPP year from August 1, 2017 through July 31, 2018, 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 PPP 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 Podiatry Protection Program shall not cover criminal matters under any circumstances. Participation by NYSPMA members in the Podiatry Protection Program is subject to screening and approval by Feldman Kieffer and NYSPMA, which screening and approval can, at a minimum, consist of review of prior usage and claims 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.