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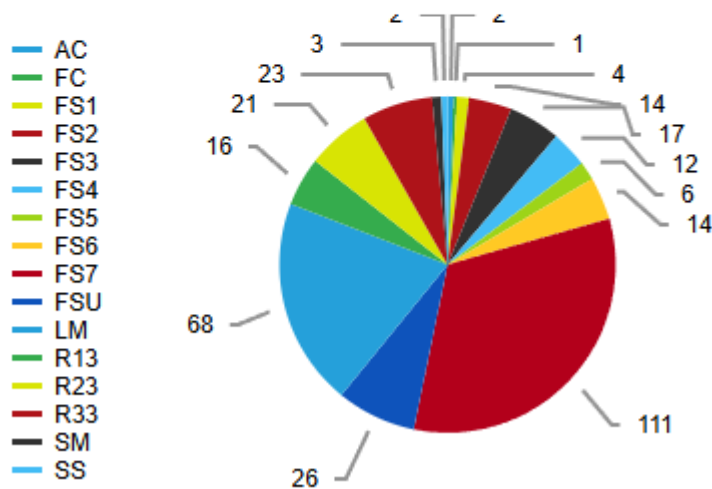
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340

Active Members

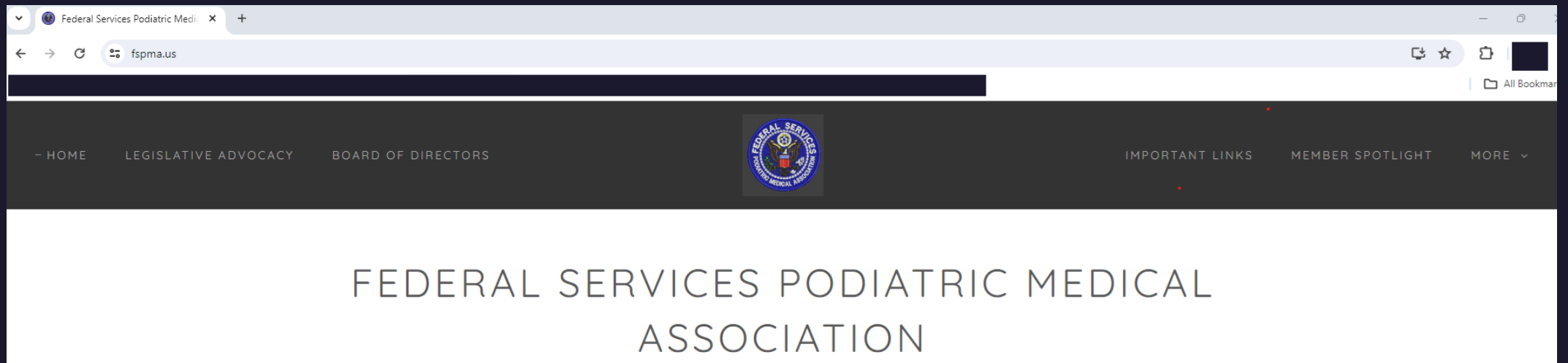
Members by member type



| MONTH | FS1- FS3 Less than one year not more than three years 25% of AC | Non-Practicing | Uniformed Service 14% of AC | FS4- FS6 at least three years, not more than six years 50% of AC | Senior Member | FS7 six years or more 75% of AC |
|-------|--|----------------|--------------------------------|---|------------------|---------------------------------------|
| JUN | \$232.00 | \$232.00 | \$130.00 | \$463.00 | \$463.00 | \$694.00 |
| JUL | \$213.00 | \$213.00 | \$113.00 | \$425.00 | \$425.00 | \$636.00 |
| AUG | \$193.00 | \$193.00 | \$103.00 | \$386.00 | \$386.00 | \$578.00 |
| SEP | \$174.00 | \$174.00 | \$92.00 | \$347.00 | \$347.00 | \$521.00 |
| OCT | \$155.00 | \$155.00 | \$82.00 | \$309.00 | \$309.00 | \$463.00 |
| NOV | \$135.00 | \$135.00 | \$72.00 | \$270.00 | \$270.00 | \$405.00 |
| DEC | \$116.00 | \$116.00 | \$62.00 | \$232.00 | \$232.00 | \$347.00 |
| JAN | \$97.00 | \$97.00 | \$51.00 | \$193.00 | \$193.00 | \$289.00 |
| FEB | \$77.00 | \$77.00 | \$41.00 | \$154.00 | \$154.00 | \$232.00 |
| MAR | \$58.00 | \$58.00 | \$31.00 | \$116.00 | \$116.00 | \$174.00 |
| APR | \$39.00 | \$39.00 | \$21.00 | \$77.00 | \$77.00 | \$116.00 |
| MAY | \$19.00 | \$19.00 | \$11.00 | \$39.00 | \$39.00 | \$58.00 |

Website

www.fspma.us



Young Member

Ivan Vela, DPM
Chicago, IL



Legislative Affairs



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DOGE UPDATE

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Mission
Act
Testimony

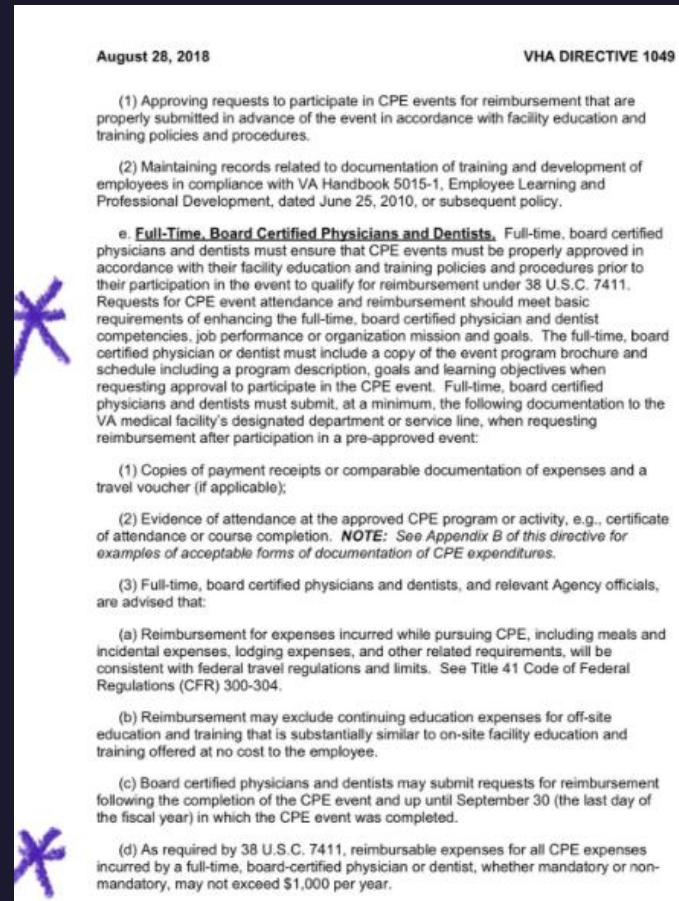


2017



Legislative Affairs

The central focus for the past 2 years has been the issue of reimbursement money for CME



Legislative Affairs



- Legislative Conference – 3/17/2025
- Scheduled In-Person Congressional Visitations
 - Sen. Jerry Moran (R-KS)
 - Chair of the VA Subcommittee on Health
 - Rep. Julia Brownley (D-CA)
 - Ranking Member VA Subcommittee on Health
 - Ruben Gallego (D-AZ)
 - Member VA Subcommittee on Health

Legislative Affairs



Sen. Jerry Moran (R-KS)



Rep. Julia Brownley, (D-CA)



Sen. Ruben Gallego (D-AZ)


Legislative Affairs

UPDATE

- In Person Congressional Visitations
 - Sen. Jerry Moran (R-KS)
 - Chair of the VA Subcommittee on Health
Staffer worked with me during my 2017 testimony
Before the House Committee that led to the passage
Of the Mission Act.
 - Rep. Julia Brownley (D-CA)
 - Ranking Member VA Subcommittee on Health
Was the Ranking Congressional Member at the time I
Testified in 2017
 - Ruben Gallego (D-AZ)
 - Member VA Subcommittee on Health

Legislative Affairs

UPDATE

 Social Security

Program Operations Manual System (POMS)

TN 1 (10-22)

HI 00401.295 Physician Defined

CITATIONS: Social Security Act—Sec. 1861(r)
Regulations No. 5—405.231(a),
(b)

A. General

Physician means doctor of medicine, doctor of osteopathy (including osteopathic practitioner), doctor of dental surgery or dental medicine (within the limitations in C.), **doctor of podiatric medicine** (within the limitations in D.), or doctor of optometry (within the limitations of F.), or a chiropractor (within the limits of G.), legally authorized to practice by a State in which the individual performs this function. The services performed by a physician within these definitions are subject to any limitations imposed by the State on the scope of practice.

In all States, the issuance by the State of a license to practice medicine constitutes legal authorization. Temporary State licenses also

- Strategies
 - Create a “technical fix” for the existing Mission Act of 2017
 - Exploit the word “Physician” which the Social Security Administration Already defines podiatry as a physician.
 - Create a new BILL that deals specifically with CME

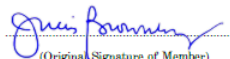
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UPDATE

- When meeting with Rep. Julia Brownley's office it was felt that her office would be willing to Sponsor a Bill specific to increasing the CME reimbursement for physicians, dentist, ***and podiatrists.***
- This Bill would also increase the current \$1000 to \$2000 per provider, per year

Legislative Affairs

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION


(Original Signature of Member)

H. R. _____

To amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the reimbursement of continuing professional education expenses for health care professionals of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. BROWNLEY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

To amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the reimbursement of continuing professional education expenses for health care professionals of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

4 This Act may be cited as the “Department of Vet-
5 erans Affairs Continuing Professional Education Mod-
6 ernization Act” or the “VA CPE Modernization Act”.

2

1 SEC. 2. IMPROVEMENT TO REIMBURSEMENT OF CON-
2 TINUING PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION EX-
3 PENSES FOR HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS
4 OF DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.

5 (a) REIMBURSEMENT.—Section 7411 of title 38,
6 United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

7 “§ 7411. Reimbursement of continuing professional
8 education expenses

9 “(a) REIMBURSEMENT.—The Secretary shall reim-
10 burse certain full-time health care professionals of the De-
11 partment for expenses incurred for continuing professional
12 education in amounts as follows:

13 “(1) With respect to any physician, dentist, po-
14 diatrist, registered nurse, or physician assistant ap-
15 pointed under section 7401(1) of this title, not more
16 than \$2,000 per year for each such individual.

17 “(2) With respect to any psychologist, licensed
18 practical or vocational nurse, medical technologist,
19 diagnostic radiologic technologist, or social worker
20 appointed under section 7401(3) of this title, not
21 more than \$2,000 per year for each such individual.

22 “(b) ADJUSTMENT.—The Secretary may from time
23 to time adjust the dollar amounts specified in subsection
24 (a), so long as such adjustment does not result in a reim-
25 bursement of less than \$2,000 per year for each individual
26 specified in subsection (a).”.

3

1 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
2 at the beginning of chapter 74 of such title is amended
3 by striking the item relating to section 7411 and inserting
4 the following new item:

“7411. Reimbursement of continuing professional education expenses.”.

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BILL Hide Overview ✕

Sponsor: [Rep. Brownley, Julia \[D-CA-26\]](#) (Introduced 01/23/2025)

Committees: House - Veterans' Affairs

Latest Action: House - 03/04/2025 Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. ([All Actions](#))

Tracker: ⓘ **Introduced** > Passed House > Passed Senate > To President > Became Law

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04/17/2025

Legislative Affairs

1. Introduction:

A member of Congress drafts and introduces a bill, which is then assigned a number and title. [🔗](#)

2. Committee Action:

The bill is referred to a relevant committee for review, hearings, and potential amendments. [🔗](#)

3. Floor Debate and Vote (First Chamber):

If approved by the committee, the bill goes to the floor of the House or Senate for debate and a vote. [🔗](#)

4. Consideration in the Second Chamber:

If passed by the first chamber, the bill is sent to the other chamber (Senate or House) for similar review, debate, and voting. [🔗](#)

5. Conference Committee (if necessary):

If the two chambers pass different versions of the bill, a conference committee is formed to reconcile the differences. [🔗](#)

6. Final Passage:

Once both chambers pass an identical version of the bill, it is sent to the President. [🔗](#)

7. Presidential Action:

The President can sign the bill into law, veto it, or take no action (which can lead to the bill becoming law after 10 days if Congress is in session). [🔗](#)

Questions



Thank you!

On May 2, 2020, during the height of the COVID pandemic, in solidarity with, and to acknowledge the hard-working healthcare community's efforts, the Navy's Blue Angles and the Air Force's Thunderbirds precision flying teams flew **together** for one and only time over Washington DC. This picture was taken that day as they flew over the Capital.

