

FSPMA Meeting of the Members

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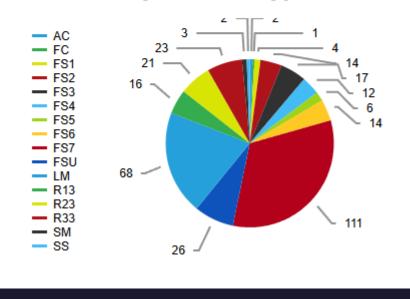
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Component Members

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
ост	\$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	\$9700	\$9700	\$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





The legislative affairs group



DOGE UPDATE

2017



DR. GOLDMAN

Mission Act Testimony

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

August 28, 2018

VHA DIRECTIVE 1049

(1) Approving requests to participate in CPE events for reimbursement that are properly submitted in advance of the event in accordance with facility education and training policies and procedures.

(2) Maintaining records related to documentation of training and development of employees in compliance with VA Handbook 5015-1, Employee Learning and Professional Development, dated June 25, 2010, or subsequent policy.

e. Full-Time. Board Certified Physicians and Dentists. Full-time, board certified physicians and dentists must ensure that CPE events must be properly approved in accordance with their facility education and training policies and procedures prior to their participation in the event to qualify for reimbursement under 38 U.S.C. 7411. Requests for CPE event attendance and reimbursement should meet basic requirements of enhancing the full-time, board certified physician and dentist competencies, job performance or organization mission and goals. The full-time, board certified physician or dentist must include a copy of the event program brochure and schedule including a program description, goals and learning objectives when requesting approval to participate in the CPE event. Full-time, board certified physicians and dentists must submit, at a minimum, the following documentation to the VA medical facility's designated department or service line, when requesting reimbursement after participation in a pre-approved event.

 Copies of payment receipts or comparable documentation of expenses and a travel voucher (if applicable);

(2) Evidence of attendance at the approved CPE program or activity, e.g., certificate of attendance or course completion. NOTE: See Appendix B of this directive for examples of acceptable forms of documentation of CPE expenditures.

(3) Full-time, board certified physicians and dentists, and relevant Agency officials, are advised that:

(a) Reimbursement for expenses incurred while pursuing CPE, including meals and incidental expenses, lodging expenses, and other related requirements, will be consistent with federal travel regulations and limits. See Title 41 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 300-304.

(b) Reimbursement may exclude continuing education expenses for off-site education and training that is substantially similar to on-site facility education and training offered at no cost to the employee.

(c) Board certified physicians and centists may submit requests for reimbursement following the completion of the CPE event and up until September 30 (the last day of the fiscal year) in which the CPE event was completed.



(d) As required by 38 U.S.C. 7411, reimbursable expenses for all CPE expenses incurred by a full-time, board-certified physician or dentist, whether mandatory or nonmandatory, may not exceed \$1,000 per year.



- 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



Sen. Jerry Moran (R-KS)



Rep. Julia Brownley, (D-CA)



Sen. Ruben Gallego (D-AZ)

UPDATE

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 - 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

UPDATE

Social Security $\mathcal{P} \equiv \mathfrak{S} \oplus$ Program Operations Manual System (POMS)

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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

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

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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.

119TH CONGRESS

1st Session

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.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.
This Act may be cited as the "Department of Vet-

Fins Act may be ched as the Department of Vec6 ernization Act" or the "VA CPE Modernization Act".

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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 (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:

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"7411. Reimbursement of continuing professional education expenses.".

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All Information (Except Text)

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.

