# 2018 What Has APMA Done for Me

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APMA advances and advocates for the specialty of podiatric medicine and surgery for the benefit of its members and the health of the public.

- VA Parity Bill Passed
  - Historic passage of legislation placing podiatric surgeons in the physician category of payment along with MDs, DOs, and dentists.
- CMS Proposed Rule to establish separate G codes for Podiatry E/M services defeated
  - Proposal would have isolated podiatry and resulted in net -4% reimbursement for E/M services provided by podiatrists

#### Member Benefits

- APMA Registry
- APMA MIPS App
- Developing APMA Electronic Health Record (EHR)
- Expanded Affinity Programs
- Exploring Association Health Plan for members
- APMA Webinars
- Assisting 3 remaining states that do not have ankle privileges

### APMA Registry

- No charge for members (\$600 value)
- Allows submission of MIPS data
- Gather data for research to support legislative, regulatory and insurance issues
- Member participation is vital!

### APMA MIPS App

- Tool to navigate the MIPS program
  - Track and adjust progress on various components of MIPS
- Integrates with APMA Registry to transmit data
- No charge for members (\$399 value)

# APMA Electronic Health Record (EHR)

- Will be developed in conjunction with Darena Solutions
  - Allows responsive development
  - Full integration of quality measures APMA wants to track
- Fully integrated with APMA Registry—full transfer of data
- Resellers will be service providers

# Expanded Affinity Programs

#### **Business**

Office Depot/OfficeMax UPS

#### **Finance**

Bank of America Life Lock

#### **Technology**

**Lenovo** 

#### **Travel**

<u>Avis</u> <u>Budget</u> <u>Marriott</u> Wyndham

#### Health Insurance

- With advent of Association Health Plan regulations, APMA is exploring being able to offer health insurance to members and their staff.
- Should represent a significant savings over current offerings (15-30%)
- Will only be available to APMA member podiatrists and their staff

#### APMA Webinars

#### **MACRA Made Easy**

To ensure your successful MIPS participation, APMA created the MACRA Made Easy Webinar Series. Presentations include MIPS generally, as well as deep dives into each of the 2018 performance categories and related topics like the APMA Registry and group versus individual reporting.

#### **Back to Basics**

APMA's Coding Committee has developed resources for podiatrists and their staff to help understand the basics of coding. Such topics include modifiers, wound care, E/M coding, CCI edits, and more.

#### **Surgical Coding**

APMA's Coding Committee has developed resources for podiatrists and their staff to help understand essential surgical coding for the foot and ankle. For this series, we have focused on the coding of various surgical procedures by anatomic area that are of primary interest to foot and ankle surgeons.

# Scope of Practice

- Three states currently do not have ankle scope of practice in their practice acts
  - Massachusetts, Mississippi, Alabama
- APMA actively assisting them with their efforts
- Innovation grant program to assist states in legislative issues

# Meeting and Working with MEDPAC

- Working on the concept of a "lower extremity home" model as a plug in to existing ACOs
- Working to insure podiatrist participation in whatever future value payment propositions are developed and implemented

# Supporting NYSPMA Population Health Work

- \$50,000 grant to support project
- Staff help to publicize efforts

# Focus on Young Physicians



From student debt management to coding resources, the Young Physician Transition Series is your go-to resource for every stage of your career. Developed by the APMA Young Physician Leadership Panel, the Young Physician Transition Series serves as a member-only resource created to meet the unique needs of young physicians through each year of transition from residency to practitioner

### For Residents and Students



The APMA REdRC was developed as an online educational resource to further the education of podiatric residents on a variety of topics. Lecture topics are based on the competencies identified by the Council on Podiatric Medical Education (CPME)

# Supporting Western Pilot Program for CBSE

- \$30,000 grant to Western to support student preparation to take NBME Comprehensive Basic Sciences Examination (CBSE)
  - Three year pilot program grant support at \$10,000/year

# Supporting APMSA

- Founding Sponsor
- \$25,000 grant per year to help offset costs of APMSA HOD
- Provide office space and support for APMSA Executive Director and staff at APMA Headquarters

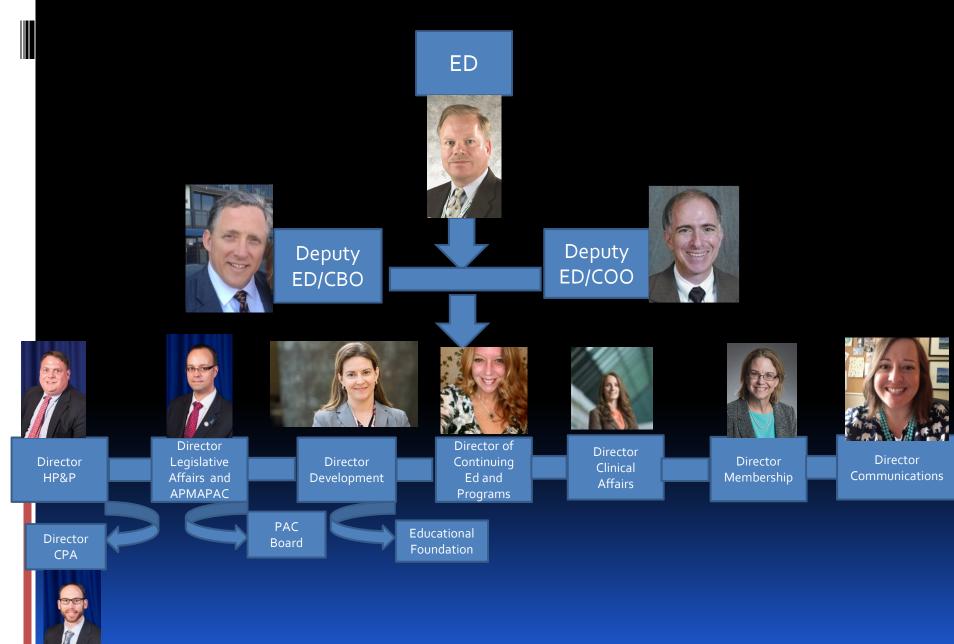


## Staff Changes

Kenna Barrett, PhD—new director of development

Catherine Davidge—will assume role of director of membership upon retirement of Beth Shaub Richard Schwarz, MS—new registry database manager

### ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE



# QUESTIONS?

