Position Statement:
Doctors of Podiatric Medicine Ready to Serve during National Health Emergency

The United States is facing an unprecedented health-care emergency. Doctors of Podiatric Medicine (DPMs) stand ready to lend our support during this time of crisis as front-line caregivers. Our advanced training and experience are ideal for triage, support, treatment of injuries and wounds, and medical management in acute care settings such as hospitals. APMA supports podiatric physicians’ and surgeons’ voluntary contribution in this crisis to their level of education, training, experience, and expertise. APMA believes it is necessary for state and federal officials to temporarily authorize DPMs to legally practice beyond their scope of practice to provide for the needs of the public during this national health emergency.

The American Podiatric Medical Association (APMA) is the nation's leading professional organization for today’s podiatrists. Doctors of Podiatric Medicine (DPMs) are qualified by their education, training, and experience to diagnose and treat conditions affecting the foot, ankle, and structures of the leg. APMA has 53 state component locations across the United States and its territories, with a membership of more than 12,500 podiatrists. All practicing APMA members are licensed by the state in which they practice podiatric medicine. For more information, visit www.apma.org.