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RE: APMA Endorsement for the Interstate Podiatric Medical Licensure Compact Initiative

Dear Mr. Stoner,

On behalf of the American Podiatric Medical Association (APMA), which represents the vast majority of the more than 15,000 licensed Doctors of Podiatric Medicine (DPMs), also known as podiatrists or podiatric physicians and surgeons, across the United States, I write this letter to affirm APMA's support of the Interstate Podiatric Medical Licensure Compact (IPMLC, or "Compact"). APMA's Board of Trustees voted to formally endorse the Compact, and we are committed to working with the Federation of Podiatric Medical Boards (FPMB) and our state partners to advance this important initiative.

Health care settings increasingly require the skills of podiatrists because they play a critical role in treating lower extremity complications related to diabetes, obesity, and other chronic conditions. Take diabetes as an example: the early-warning signs of diabetes are often found in manifestation of complications in the lower extremity. As such, podiatrists are frequently the first health care provider to detect, treat, and therefore significantly prevent or reduce complications, such as lower limb amputations.

The IPMLC is a framework designed to expand access to the necessary foot and ankle care that podiatric physicians provide. It also enhances patient safety and streamlines licensure for qualified podiatric physicians. The IPMLC provides a voluntary pathway that allows podiatric physicians to obtain expedited licenses in multiple states through a single application, while preserving full state authority over licensure, practice acts, and regulation.

APMA strongly believes the IPMLC aligns with APMA's own national advocacy priority to support efforts to build a sustainable and responsive podiatric workforce. The Compact advances shared goals of improving patient access by:

- ensuring patients in rural areas and communities with workforce shortages have access to high-quality foot and ankle care;

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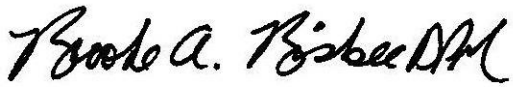
- supporting telehealth and digital care delivery, enabling podiatric physicians to serve patients across state lines without unnecessary administrative burdens;
- facilitating mobility for military personnel and their spouses, who often face repeated licensure disruptions due to relocation; and
- allowing for rapid deployment of podiatric specialists during public health emergencies and natural disasters.

These provisions directly support APMA's commitment to improving access to medically necessary foot and ankle care provided by podiatric physicians, reducing delays in treatment, and ensuring continuity of care for patients with complex and chronic lower-extremity conditions. Importantly, the Compact ensures patient safety while increasing access to critical foot and ankle care and reducing unnecessary administrative barriers for qualified podiatric physicians.

Conclusion
APMA is pleased to endorse the IPMLC. We encourage states to adopt the IPMLC Model Law, as doing so will ensure patients have increased access to care, strengthen regional health care workforces particularly in rural settings, and align podiatric licensure modernization with national trends across health professions. APMA stands ready to support FPMB's efforts and provide any additional support as we are able. Please contact APMA Health Policy and Practice Director, Gail M. Reese, JD, at 301-581-9230 or greese@apma.org.

Sincerely,



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