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TOP NEWS

Stand Out, Be Recognized, and Make a Difference — Join COA's Regency Club!

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COA created a Regency Club in 2019 to support COA's political action committee — OPAC and to acknowledge COA leaders making a significant contribution to our PAC.

A Special Thank You to the following 2021 Regency Club members:

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YOU are the most powerful advocate to keep orthopaedic decisions in the hands of orthopaedic experts. Nothing is more powerful than when you contact your local legislator to bring a local problem to their attention. Just the fact that you took the time to contact them, tells legislators that it is an important issue and they should pay attention.

You don't need to be a political expert to have an impact or spend a lot of time making the contact. Help support COA's lobbying efforts and your voice will be heard.

To become a **Regency Club** member, contribute a total of \$600 annually to COA's Political Action Committee (OPAC) — just \$50 per month.

As a benefit of belonging to the Regency Club, COA will create opportunities for you to meet and interact with your state legislators. If you are not already acquainted with them, we will help you develop a relationship with them.

Other Benefits of Regency Club membership include:

- Have a virtual district meeting with your state legislator
- Attend a virtual district fundraising event at no cost to you
- Make an outreach to your representative to educate them on orthopaedic issues
- Donate to the [COA OPAC / REGENCY CLUB HERE](#).

Contact Paul Braaton, M.D., OPAC Chair, for more information about the Regency Club: 209-681-7998



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Good News for Physicians Health Insurance Payors Lose Their Anti-Trust Exemption

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Seven decades of antitrust immunity for the health insurance industry has just ended. That startling but not unexpected action should prompt insurers, health care providers and suppliers to carefully assess the competitive and antitrust implications of their payor relationships.

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PPP2 Loan For Medical Practices

Physician Finance Basics

'Tis the season for PPP loans again! March 2020 saw the launch of the ambitious original PPP Loan Program as part of the CARES Act- a \$350 Billion forgivable loan program for small businesses. In large measure, the program was very successful and helped many small businesses keep from being shuttered due to the pandemic. In December 2020, Congress passed the second relief package, called the Consolidated Appropriations Act (CAA) and part of it is another \$284 Billion in new funding for a second round of PPP Loans. The official name of PPP2 is Economic Aid to Hard-Hit Small Businesses, Nonprofits and Venues Act. The SBA refers to it as PPP Second Draw Loan.

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USMLE Step 2 CS Cancelled Permanently

Medpage Today

The Step 2 Clinical Skills (CS) test of the United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE) has been discontinued, the two organizations that sponsor the exam announced Tuesday. Following the postponement of Step 2 CS last May due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) and the National Board of Medical Examiners (NBME) stated that part of the test will now be discontinued permanently.

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