



# AOMA Dispatch

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### CMS Quality Payment Program Webinars

Have questions about your MIPS Score? The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) is offering a free webinar for small practices.

#### **Maximizing Your MIPS Score: Advice for Solo and Small Group Practices**

**Tuesday, September 15, 2020 3:30 - 4:30 pm ET (12:30 - 1:30 pm Arizona time)**

**Thursday, September 17, 2020 11:00 am - 12:00 pm ET (8:00 - 9:00 am Arizona time)**

For more information and to register, click on the dates above.

Questions? Contact Health Services Advisory Group (HSAG), an Arizona Medicare QIN-QIO, at 877-601-6050.

### Call for Abstracts - AOMA 99th Annual Convention

# CALL FOR ABSTRACTS



The Arizona Osteopathic Medical Association (AOMA) will hold its 99th Annual Convention April 7- 11, 2021 in Scottsdale, Arizona. It promises to be a memorable Convention as AOMA kicks off its 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with the theme ***100 Years of Healing***.

The AOMA Professional Education Committee invites you to be a part of celebrating the history of AOMA and submit an abstract for a lecture at the Convention. Lectures are 55 or 85 minutes in length including 5 to 10 minutes for questions.

Abstracts submitted for consideration must meet the following criteria:

- The abstract must be submitted by an active member of the Arizona Osteopathic Medical Association
- Physician lecturer must be board certified in his/her specialty
- The lecture must incorporate osteopathic practices and principles
- Abstract and CV must be emailed to Teresa Roland, AOMA Director of Education, at [teresa@az-osteo.org](mailto:teresa@az-osteo.org) by October 20, 2020.

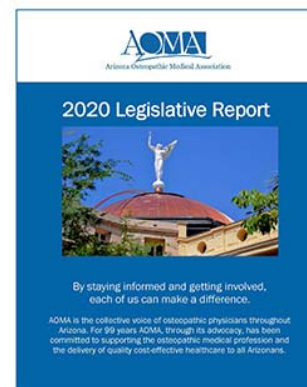
The Committee will notify all abstract authors by October 30, 2020 as to whether or not their submission was selected. Download the criteria for abstract submission at [www.az-osteo.org/abstract](http://www.az-osteo.org/abstract).

## [2020 AOMA Legislative Report](#)

The [2020 AOMA Legislative Report](#) is now available to AOMA members. The report provides important information about the abbreviated 2020 legislative session and related legislative activities.

Read about our successful advocacy efforts, the importance of stakeholder partnerships, the impact of COVID-19 related executive orders from the Governor's office, and what we expect for the next session.

Access to this comprehensive summary is exclusive to AOMA members and is one of the many benefits of membership. Login is required to view the [report](#).



## [CDC Changes Coronavirus Testing Guidelines To Exclude Asymptomatic People](#)

The [New York Times](#) (8/25) reports the CDC “quietly modified its coronavirus testing guidelines this week to exclude people who do not have symptoms of COVID-19 – even if they have been recently exposed to the virus.” Some “questioned the revision, pointing to the importance of identifying infections in the small window immediately before the onset of symptoms, when many individuals appear to be most contagious.”

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## [Telemedicine Training Livestream Conference](#)

On September 14, 2020 the Arizona Telemedicine Program will present a livestreaming training ***Developing a Telemedicine Program***.

This conference is designed to give a broad overview of a variety of telemedicine topics to include:

- Clinical services
- Telecommunications and infrastructure development and operations
- Distance education
- Evaluation
- Business aspects
- Equipment demonstration virtual tour

The registration fee to participate is \$300 but is waived for Southwest Telehealth Resource Center network members and Arizona, New Mexico, Utah, Colorado, and Nevada residents. Register

<https://telemedicine.arizona.edu/>

For more information contact Melanie Esher-Blair at 520-626-6103 or [mesher@telemedicine.arizona.edu](mailto:mesher@telemedicine.arizona.edu)

## [Virtual Flagstaff Osteopathic Medical Conference a Great Success](#)

More than 150 physicians and other healthcare providers participated in the 6th Annual Flagstaff Osteopathic Medical Conference (FOMC) which we livestreamed on August 15 and 16, 2020.

This year's conference featured an expanded 12 hour CME agenda. Thank you to R. Zane Kelley, DO, for his leadership and assistance in coordinating this event. AOMA thanks all the speakers who contributed to the

diverse and dynamic program! We look forward to the 2021 FOMC.

## [AOMA 40th Annual Fall Seminar - Livestreaming!](#)

Plan to attend the new and improved AOMA 40th Annual Fall Seminar

- **Expanded two and one-half days: November 6-8, 2020**
- **CME hours available increased to 20**
- **Virtual livestreaming event**

The theme for the Fall Seminar is **Come Together and Dig On!** AOMA designates this program for 20.0 hours of AOA Category 1-A CME credits and will report CME credits commensurate with the extent of the physician's participation in this activity. This activity is approved for *AMA PRA Category 1 credits<sup>TM</sup>*. Application will be filed for AAFP prescribed credits. Full agenda is pending.

**Save \$100!** Register online by October 6, 2020 at [www.az-osteo.org/Fall2020](http://www.az-osteo.org/Fall2020)



## **AOMA Office Closure - Labor Day**

In observance of the Labor Day holiday, the AOMA office will be closed on Monday, September 7, 2020 and will reopen on Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at 8:00 am.

Enjoy the holiday weekend and be safe.



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AzDHS

CDC Immunization Schedules

2020 T.I.P.S. Training  
is ONLINE

AOMA Calendar of Events-[www.az-osteo.org](http://www.az-osteo.org)

**AOMA Board of Trustees Meeting** - Saturday, October 24, 2020 - Virtual Meeting

**AOMA 40th Annual Fall Seminar** - November 6 - 8, 2020 - Virtual Event

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