

We the undersigned citizens/voters living in strongly believe that, as
patients, we should have the right to choose the doctor we want to see for our medical
care. Podiatrists (doctors of podiatric medicine or DPMs) are already defined as physicians
in Medicare. When we have foot or ankle problems we want access to the best trained, best
educated, and most cost effective providers of foot and ankle medical and surgical care,
the podiatrist.

We think that it is wrong that Medicaid may deny patient access to the doctor of choice because DPMs are considered "optional" providers and are not recognized as physicians as they are in Medicare.

## We hereby petition our elected members of Congress to cosponsor and support the passage of the bipartisan HELLPP Act (HR 1221 / S 626)

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