

## EDPMA Membership Guidelines

### **1. Is it OK to pay the amount on my invoice if my business has grown?**

**If your business has grown, you must correct your proposed dues invoice to ensure you are paying the correct amount.** EDPMA staff is typically not aware if you have expanded or are expanding your business and your dues level has changed. So, the proposed dues levels in renewal invoices are often too low. When you pay dues, you are certifying that you are paying at the correct level.

### **2. What if I fit more than one membership category?**

**Each year, a member must determine under which membership category it would pay the highest dues and must pay that amount.** EDPMA has a number of different membership categories including physician groups, FSECs, billing companies, supporting organizations, urgent care, and more. If you fit into more than one membership category (for instance, you are a physician group and a billing company), you must determine under which category you would pay the highest dues and must pay that amount.

### **3. What if I'm legally connected to another Emergency Department business?**

If your group or company is legally connected to another emergency medicine group or company that is not a member of EDPMA, you must pay for a membership that covers all connected entities. However, legally-connected entities may also join under separate memberships. **Each entity that pays separate dues gets a separate membership, separate vote, and, if allowed under the Bylaws, a separate opportunity to run for a Board seat. In addition, there is a membership discount for legally-connected entities that join separately.**

### **4. What if a Freestanding Emergency Center (FSEC) is part of my business?**

If you are or have FSEC's as a part of your business, you will need to calculate your dues payment based on two different payment formulas. **You will need to determine your dues under that new facility fee formula for freestanding emergency departments and the physician group formula which is based on the total number of ED visits for both your FSEC and non-FSEC business combined, and pay the amount that is higher.**

### **5. Can I forward EDPMA newsletters to clients and consultants?**

The EDPMA Distribution List is used to send the weekly ED Newsleader, monthly Advocacy and Membership Newsletters, Action Alerts, and News Alerts to members. We strongly encourage you to add all interested employees (including those under the same umbrella entity) to your EDPMA Distribution List. **However, consultants and clients cannot be included on your distribution list and you should not automatically forward newsletters and alerts to them.** Clients and consultants should become EDPMA members in their own right. If we allowed potential members to receive membership benefits (like newsletters) for free, this would be unfair to our paying membership. However, you can share one or two newsletters in an effort to encourage them to join EDPMA. **By joining or renewing your EDPMA membership, you certify that the organization is paying at the appropriate dues level and all applicable personnel have read and agreed to follow all EDPMA policies and [Antitrust Policy](#) outlined in this document.**

### **6. Healthcare Insurance Relationships**

If your company or group is owned by, in part or in full, or has subsidiary associated with a healthcare insurance company, please advise EDPMA by emailing Paul Gerard ([pgerard@edpma.org](mailto:pgerard@edpma.org)) with the specific information.