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Dear University of Utah Resident/Fellow,

Thank you for joining the Utah Medical Association. We will forward your application to your County Medical Society for review and approval and will notify you when your membership is finalized. You may begin to use the tangible benefits found in this packet as soon as we receive payment of dues.

As UMA CEO and on behalf of the Board, I congratulate you on your decision to become a member and look forward to the opportunity to work and represent you. You will begin receiving the bi-monthly magazine, *Utah Physician*, which deals with issues important to Utah physicians. If you have provided us with your email address, you will also see our *UMA MediByte* alerts, as well as our Legislative Calls to Action when grassroots legislative support is needed. The UMA website, www.utahmed.org, features a *Members Only* section with valuable informational resources for Utah physicians.

Member benefits include a 22% monthly Verizon discount, free financial counseling, a free physician-legal hotline, and much more. (*Verizon benefit, please call Mark Fotheringham at 801.747.3500 x234 or email mark@utahmed.org*).

Most importantly, Utah Medical Association is the only organization in Utah that exclusively represents physicians at the legislature and throughout the community with other organizations. UMA cares about the issues that concern you. We fight Medicaid cuts and work to stop all proposed regulations that would increase physicians' administrative burdens. We are your voice in the legislature regardless of specialty and even at times specifically to specialty issues. Elected congressional and state representatives take the pulse on medical issues by contacting UMA. We exist to represent and advocate for physicians and physician issues.

The staff and officers of UMA are always available to be of assistance to you. Please feel free to call on us at any time at 801-747-3500 or email us at uma@utahmed.org. Once again, thank you for joining your fellow physicians in supporting medicine through your membership in UMA.

Sincerely,

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IF UTAH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION WERE NOT AROUND...

**WHO WOULD FIGHT, ADVOCATE & PROTECT YOU FROM LEGAL,
LEGISLATIVE & REGULATORY INTRUSIONS THAT AFFECT
YOU AND YOUR PATIENTS?**

Not specialty societies

Not national societies

Not practice managers

Not administrators

Not hospitals

Not hospital lobbyists

UTAH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION WILL and DOES,

AND HAS FOUGHT FOR YOU SINCE 1895

Your participation & input are vital to UMA efforts!

Current issues we are working on for you are:

- Payment Parity in Telemedicine
- Protecting Kids from Vaping Deaths & Illnesses
 - Out-of-network Balance Billing
 - Scope of Practice
 - Opioid over or under Regulation
- No Taxes on Physician Medical Services
 - Physician Practice options/choices
- And many more this 2020 Legislative Session

JOIN UMA TODAY!

Call us! 801-747-3500 x225 or x228

19%-22% VERIZON WIRELESS DISCOUNT



Now that you are a UMA member, you may take advantage of the **19%-22% discount on Verizon plans*** and **25% discount on accessories!** Your staff and/or family members can be added to your account on a family plan.

Simply email or call Mark Fotheringham (mark@utahmed.org, or 801-747-3500 x234) for details on how to apply!



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ADDITIONAL UMA BENEFITS & OPPORTUNITIES

MEMBERS ONLY

HOUSE OF DELEGATES (HOD)

This is UMA's annual meeting of Utah physicians who come together, in September, from throughout the state, as a group to determine the direction of UMA for the next year. They set the agenda and legislative proposals for UMA to take to the state Legislative Session the following January. These physicians have a strong voice and vote. Each Utah physician member can be represented by, a) mode of practice, b) specialty society, or c) geographically.

COMMITTEES

- ✓ Advocacy– Meets every two weeks starting in January thru mid-March during the Legislative session. Reviews all legislation and recommends a position to the UMA Board who then makes the final decision.
- ✓ UMPAC– Utah Medical Political Action committee, approves contributions to candidates and sets fundraising goals and events. Meets as needed, usually four times annually.
- ✓ Committee Relations
 - Environmental/Public Health, inactive
 - Healthy Lifestyles
 - Controlled Substance Task Force (ad hoc)
- ✓ Membership and Education
 - Council of Trustees
 - *Utah Physician* Magazine Editorial Board
 - Committee on CME Accreditation
 - UMA Foundation Education Sub-Committee
 - UMA Foundation Board
- ✓ Quality
 - Bylaws Committee
 - Patient Safety Coalition
- ✓ Leadership
 - County Medical Society – through county
 - Utah Medical Association
 - Board of Directors– elected by House of Delegates
 - Council of Trustees– appointed by CMS or Specialty Society

OVER

DOCTORS DAY at the LEGISLATURE

Held in early February. The physicians are invited to spend the day with the legislators. They speak to them about the hot legislative topics relative to healthcare and those that UMA are trying to get passed/or not passed for the physicians and/patients. This is very eye opening and important to those that attend. Their participation is very important and valuable as they have the direct opportunity to speak one-on-one to the legislators about UMA issues that are important to physicians. Breakfast & lunch provided along with meeting with the five physician legislators during the lunch meeting.

TANGIBLE BENEFITS

- ✓ UMA – Financial Services, 25+ years, subsidiary of UMA
 - Fiduciary advisors
 - Physician members
 - Investment management (lower management fees)
 - Retirement incoming planning
 - Insurance planning
 - Estate preservation
 - 401K
 - College funding,
 - Cash Management
 - Professional Network Access, CPAs, Attorneys, etc.
- ✓ 22% Verizon wireless monthly discount
- ✓ Travel & Auto Rental Discounts
- ✓ Full-time in-house general counsel available
- ✓ On-line Physicians Legal Guide on UMA website
- ✓ CME on-line Educational Program discounts
- ✓ Leadership Program for physicians offered
- ✓ and much more available on www.utahmed.org

