

Per Governor Wolf's 3/19/20 Order:

- 1) The offices of Podiatrists may remain open as podiatrists' offices fall under Education and Health Services, Ambulatory Healthcare Services, Offices of Health Practitioners.
- 2) The order has the qualifier "Elective Procedures Prohibited."
- 3) Two issues are presented by this Order:
 - i. The Doctor and Staff's personal comfort level with regard to their own personal safety.
 - ii. The second issue is whether normal office practice is "elective."
- 4) Patients are looking to us as healthcare providers to keep them safe and will do what we suggest. Ultimately we need to continue appropriate care to ensure the patients are kept out of the hospital for lower limb issues. So, each care decision must evaluate the patient's foot and ankle condition and balance the immediacy of medically necessary treatment given the patient's overall age and health. Each physician can determine what is essential based on the needed care and underlying health of their own patients.
- 5) If you choose to remain open, please go to the following page and employ all of the recommendations: <https://tinyurl.com/ueacbwy>
- 6) Triage your patients in order to make the decision discussed above:
 - a. By Telephone in order to determine whether the patient needs to come in
 - b. By Telehealth/Telemedicine; for APMA guidance on Telemedicine go to Dr. Lehrman's video at <https://tinyurl.com/uphug3r>
 - c. Telemedicine will be paid by Medicare, and additionally we are authorized to practice Telemedicine under Medicaid

Post the suggested signs and comply with enhanced cleaning protocols.