

TNAO Some of the Benefits of Membership

Protect Ophthalmology's Current Scope of Practice. This is one of the highest and most important priorities for the TNAO. Some of the actions being employed to carry out this missive are: Monitoring legislation and responding to any signals that may mean an assault on the TNAO's current scope of practice; building coalitions with groups to accomplish our legislative missives; developing a network of ophthalmology friendly legislators; establishing a statewide ophthalmology to legislator grass roots program, educating our members on the importance of having a personal relationship with his or her local legislator(s), educating the public on the designation of an Eye M. D., and maintaining and building ophthalmology political action committee funds.

OMIC Malpractice Insurance. Through a cooperative agreement, OMIC insurance is available through the TNAO for a substantial discount. The TNAO member **discount** has **increased** significantly offering potential savings of thousands of dollars, depending on your situation. The savings alone can easily recoup TNAO membership dues many times over!! Contact: [Deena Mader](#).
Non members are NOT eligible for discounts.

Coding Seminars. Each year the TNAO sponsors a coding seminar. Instructors are from the American Academy of Ophthalmology (AAO) so the information you receive is timely and accurate. Members receive discounted fees, with an additional 10 percent discount with five or more enrollees. ***Non Members/staff pay a much higher fee.***

Contract Review Upon Request. Members can have request to have their managed care insurance contracts, employment and other legal contracts reviewed by TNAO contracted attorneys at discounted rates. ***Non members are NOT eligible for discounts.***

TransWorld Debt Collection. Discounted fees – Collect past due accounts on all types and forms of insurance. [Contact Jeff Dorsey](#).

Educational Programs for Members. Scientific CME and practice management meetings as well as ophthalmology personnel education (technical and front office) continue to be a priority. Annual meetings are cosponsored with the Alabama Academy of Ophthalmology. In addition to the annual meeting, we offer regional meetings – contact the TNAO executive director for more information. The Annual Meeting offers discounted prices for members. ***Non members pay up to twice the member rate for educational meetings.***

Web Site. Our website, www.tneyemds.org, provides electronic communications with the membership, primarily using the "Members Only Section". The Web site is also used as an educational tool for the public. The 'definitions page' explains what it means to be an Eye M. D. The site has a searchable database for Eye MDs. Members have full access to the entire database while the public has limited access. ***Non members are NOT listed in the Search database.***

Health Plans Affairs. This committee is your liaison for managed care entities. Representatives meet quarterly with the Tennessee Medicare carrier, CAHABA, and routinely with other insurance companies and managed care companies. ***Services of this committee are for Members only.*** [Contact Dr. Brandon Busbee](#).

Public Relations. Our PR firm is very active sending messages about eye health care and they work closely with the American Academy of Ophthalmology on all public relations. They and the Tennessee Medical Association partner with us on legislative efforts. Additionally, we have several TNAO members who have gone through media training to represent the TNAO and speak to the public via television, radio and print media.