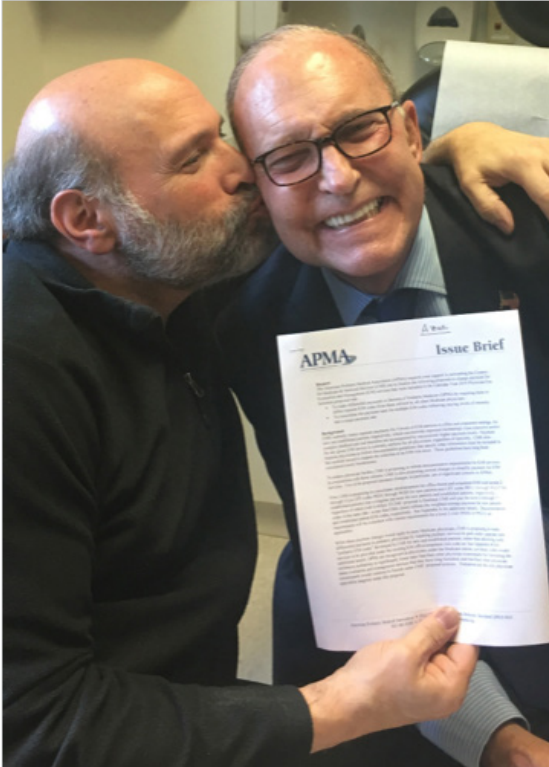


Deputy Board Chairman Dr. Rock Positano Advocates for Podiatry with White House Advisor Kudlow and Other Washington Contacts



Rock Positano, DPM, MSc, MPH, Deputy Board Chairman, left, presents Larry Kudlow, the chief White House economic advisor, with the APMA fact sheet about the threat to the podiatric profession posed by the CMS proposal and, shows his appreciation!

Mr. Kudlow said he would bring the issue of reclassification of podiatrists to the attention of Alex Azar, Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

At its most recent Board meeting in August, Michael Trepal, DPM, VP of Academic Affairs and Dean of Academic Affairs, told the Trustees that CMS (the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services) has proposed altering the reimbursement methodology for podiatrists, which would alter reimbursement for podiatric services; podiatrists could see reimbursements reduced 30-35% per Medicare patient, he said. Currently under Title 18 (of the Social Security Act, i.e., Medicare) podiatrists are considered physicians; under Title 19 (Medicaid) they are not.

If enacted, Dr. Trepal said that this will have a devastating effect “on our clinic, our profession, and potential students.” Mr. Levine noted that the residual effect of this proposal will be felt across the country and across the profession.

Rock Positano, DPM, MSc, MPH, Deputy Board Chairman, said that “we can speak to Larry Kudlow, chief White House economic advisor about the need to avert this.” The Board of Trustees directed Dr. Positano to advocate with his contacts on behalf of the profession.

Dr. Positano was able to make the case for retaining podiatry’s status with his contacts in Washington, DC. In addition to Mr. Kudlow, Dr. Positano spoke to former Secretary of State and presidential advisor Henry Kissinger, Congressman Peter King and presidential attorney Rudy Giuliani on behalf of the podiatric profession.

New book by Positano, Soave and Others

Just published in July is a new book by Dr. Positano, who is Founder and Director of the Non-surgical Foot and Ankle Service and the Joe DiMaggio Sports Medicine Center at HSS, Ron Soave, DPM, Professor and Chair, Department of Podiatric Medicine, and Professor,

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Department of Surgery at NYCPM, with other co-authors: Pocket Foot and Ankle Medicine and Surgery, published by Wolters Kluwer in its Pocket Notebook series. The book is described as a go-to resource for essential, up-to-date information for surgeons, podiatrists, and residents presented in a concise, quick-to-grasp format.