



South Carolina's HEALTH IS OUR PRIORITY

Monthly Newsletter

July 2025

SCOMS Member Donates \$8 Million to VCOM-Carolinas



Dr. Jim Edinger, a retired diagnostic radiologist who practiced at Orangeburg Regional Hospital, recently made an [\\$8 million gift to VCOM-Carolinas](#). Dr. Edinger, along with his wife Gail Lott, donated their beachfront home on Hilton Head Island and collection of Oriental rugs, bronze statues and other works of art. This marks the largest gift in VCOM's history, and their generosity will significantly enhance the college's ability to provide high-quality medical education at its Carolinas campus.



SCOMS 2026 Winter CME Conference

Save the
date _____

February 13 - 15, 2026
Omni Hilton Head
Hilton Head, SC

Proposed 2026 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule

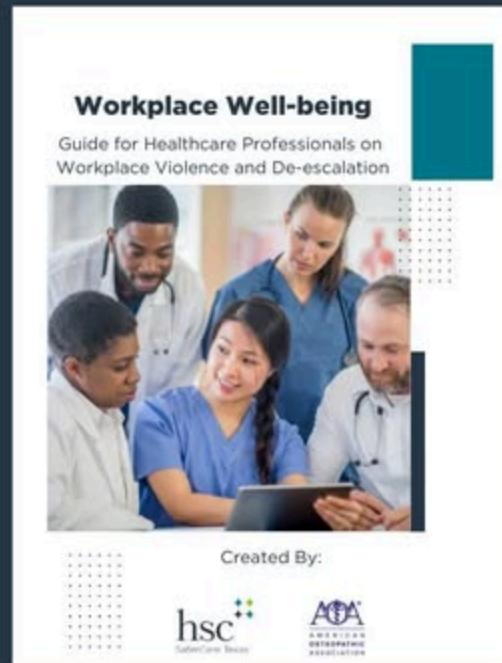
**2025 Physician
Fee Schedule**

Medicare Proposed
Rule Released

On July 14, 2025, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued the CY2026 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule proposed rule which includes updates to physician payment policies, the Quality Payment Program (QPP), and the Medicare Shared Savings Program. The AOA has completed an [initial analysis of the proposed rule](#), which highlights key impacts on physician payment, practice expense methodology, alternative payment models, telehealth services, and more.

Workplace Well-Being Guide

Support for Healthcare Professionals: Free Guide & Course for Workplace Well-Being



Free CME

73%

of healthcare workers were involved in nonfatal workplace injuries due to violence in 2018.

Reports of **workplace harassment** among **healthcare workers** more than **doubled** from **6.4%** in 2018 to **13.4%** in 2022.

38%

of health care professionals will experience workplace violence in their careers, with a high

Workplace violence
create a [Workplace Well-being](#)
tools to help you manage
step toward a safer



have partnered to
provides practical
e violence. Take a

The AOA and AOIA are offering [“Embracing the Digital Revolution in Osteopathic Medicine: Leveraging Technology to Enhance Patient Care and Practice Efficiency”](#) as a free 1.0 CME.

Speakers: David Shumway, DO; Sameer Sood, DO

OBJECTIVES:

- Describe the newly launched AOIA digital health initiative and how collective action solves pain points and promotes innovation for the broader osteopathic profession
- Explain key digital health technologies and use cases most relevant to the full scope of osteopathic medicine
- Discuss potential implementation challenges and opportunities in adopting digital health technologies within an osteopathic practice

Expiration Date: December 5, 2027

Renew Your SCOMS Membership Now and Receive a Free Gift!

SCOMS offers multiple membership categories to welcome a variety of individuals who practice in and support the Osteopathic profession.

Membership Category:	Effective July 1, 2024
Physician	\$175 or \$395 for 3 years
Retired	\$140
Military	\$140
Out-of-State Physician	\$90
Associate	\$90
Resident	\$50
Student / Intern	\$30

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