

## **Legal Services Plan Description**

The Physician Assistant Advocacy Program™ offers readily accessible, experienced healthcare legal counsel to NYSSPA members involved in a range of actions. Covered actions include, for example, state licensing investigations brought by the Office of Professional Medical Conduct, investigations by the Office of Civil Rights (HIPAA violations) and Medicare and/or Medicaid investigations.

## **Scope of Plan Coverage**

The Legal Services Program will have no limit as to the number of telephone conferences with legal counsel concerning matters within the scope of the program. All in-person conferences with an attorney related to matters within the scope of the program will also be without cost to the enrolled Physician Assistant. The program provides the full range of legal services (telephone consultations, written communications, preliminary hearings, interviews, settlement conferences, etc.) through all investigative stages of a disciplinary action.

The Physician Assistant Advocacy Program™ will provide NYSSPA members representation with the following cost effective options:

### **Basic Program:**

- New York State Office of Professional Medical Conduct
- Cost: \$150.00 per program year (Discounted from the non-member price of \$175.00)

### **Comprehensive Program:**

- New York State Office of Professional Medical Conduct
- Medicare Quality Improvement Organization
- Medicare/Medicaid Office of Inspector General & State Audit Assistance
- Occupational Safety and Health Administration
- Office of Civil Rights (HIPAA)
- Cost: \$495.00 per program year (Discounted from the non-member price of \$525.00)

For over 30 years the lawyers of Kern Augustine Conroy & Schoppmann, P.C. have been guiding and protecting healthcare professionals through the continuing transformations in healthcare. We help our clients navigate through the ever-changing maze of federal, state and local regulations that now controls nearly every aspect of their professional lives. As healthcare evolves even more in the coming years, our clients have the peace of mind in knowing that we will continue to monitor and assist them in adapting to these changes. With offices and affiliates in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Illinois, we form one of the nation's largest healthcare law firms devoted predominantly to the needs of physicians and other healthcare professionals.

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