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# President's Letter

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## CMA membership to be optional for NLMA Members starting in 2014



**Yordan Karaivanov, MD  
President**

Dear Colleagues:

On September 21, 2013, the NLMA Board of Directors voted to discontinue the requirement that all members of the NLMA must also be members of the Canadian Medical Association (CMA). Effective January 1, 2014, membership with the CMA will be optional for all NLMA members.

The impetus for the NLMA's decision stems from a resolution passed at this year's CMA General Council to increase CMA membership dues by \$45 for 2014. In response, the NLMA Board had to decide whether to continue to require all members to pay CMA dues, or to allow members to decide for themselves.

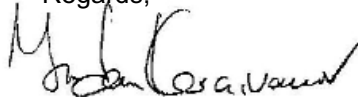
The requirement to be a member of the CMA has been in place since January 2006. Since that time, CMA dues for the full membership category have increased incrementally from \$333 to \$495 for 2014.

The NLMA continues to support the Canadian Medical Association and we encourage all our members to continue their membership with the CMA. At the same time, we believe NLMA members should have the right to choose whether or not the CMA value proposition is worthy of the new dues.

While optional, membership with the Canadian Medical Association will still be required to avail of valued CMA member benefits, including access to MD Physician Services and online clinical tools.

Additional information will be forthcoming in January 2014 about how to exercise your option, implications for specific membership categories, as well as the value of continuing your membership in the CMA.

Regards,



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