



## NextGen Healthcare, the American Podiatric Medical Association and Darena Solutions Partner to Advance Foot and Ankle Health

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*NextGen Office EHR and MyMipsScore App Provide Valuable Data Exchange and Reporting Capabilities to Podiatrists*

IRVINE, Calif.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Nov. 6, 2019-- [NextGen Healthcare, Inc.](#) (NASDAQ:NXGN), a leading provider of ambulatory-focused technology solutions, today announced the company has entered into a partnership with the [American Podiatric Medical Association](#) (APMA) and [Darena Solutions](#) to provide a technology solution that will allow for expanded options for Merit-Based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) reporting and data analytics to podiatrists on the NextGen® Office platform. The powerful combination of NextGen Office EHR, the APMA Registry and Darena Solutions' APMA MIPS app enables the exchange of patient data, simplifies MIPS reporting and provides APMA with data to advocate on behalf of its members.

Through this partnership, podiatrists will enjoy benefits such as:

- Seamless data transmission from NextGen Office to the APMA MIPS app and Registry
- The ability to track, analyze and choose highest performing measures for MIPS, starting with the 2020 performance year
- MIPS reporting to CMS and comparative scoring versus other providers
- Data for clinical research to improve patient outcomes

This partnership unites the APMA Registry, the APMA MIPS app developed by Darena Solutions, and NextGen Office.

"The APMA Registry and MIPS app were designed to help APMA member podiatrists thrive within MIPS," said James R. Christina, DPM, APMA executive director and CEO. "The app allows members to report their data to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services under MIPS and also to track and benchmark their MIPS scores throughout the year," Dr. Christina said. "The registry serves as a critical data repository to help fuel the practice of evidence-based podiatric medicine and surgery."

While the partnership will allow for the seamless transmission of data and will make MIPS reporting easier for podiatrists who have opted into the program, starting with the 2020 performance year, the solution will provide users a way to track and analyze their data that will provide a great deal of value above just MIPS reporting. In the future, APMA hopes to use the data to do clinical research to improve patient outcomes and demonstrate the value of care provided by podiatrists.

"APMA's decision to integrate NextGen Office to ease member access to the APMA Registry demonstrates the clear value of our best-in-class technology. We value this partnership with APMA and Darena Solutions and look forward to further demonstrating our commitment to podiatry practice success by supporting positive patient outcomes," said John S. Beck, Chief Solutions Officer and Executive Vice President for NextGen Healthcare.

Of APMA's 12,500-plus members, more than 1,500 are using the registry, and nearly 150 are NextGen Office users. Participating podiatrists use the registry to improve practice and participate in the government's value-based reimbursement program. Collectively, APMA members saved more than \$1 million in potential penalties for the 2018 reporting year—and savings are predicted to increase for performance year 2019, when MIPS-eligible member podiatrists who do not meet MIPS requirements face penalties of \$6,300 or more.

"There is a lot of confusion among providers about data collection, analysis, submission process and the audit requirements for MIPS. This collaboration will ensure that APMA members using NextGen Office can meet and exceed MIPS requirements with minimal effort," said Pawan Jindal, MD, founder of Darena Solutions. "We look forward to building upon this foundation in future collaborations with APMA and NextGen Healthcare, moving beyond MIPS and enabling streamlined clinical and research workflows."

NextGen Office clients can sign up for the APMA Registry [here](#). [Learn more](#) about NextGen Office.

### About NextGen Healthcare, Inc.

NextGen Healthcare provides a range of software, services, and analytics solutions to medical and dental group practices. The company's portfolio delivers foundational capabilities to empower physician success, enrich the patient care experience, and enable the transition to value-based healthcare. Visit [www.nextgen.com](http://www.nextgen.com) for additional information.

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### About the American Podiatric Medical Association

The American Podiatric Medical Association (APMA) is the nation's leading professional organization for today's podiatrists. Doctors of Podiatric Medicine (DPMs) are qualified by their education, training, and experience to diagnose and treat conditions affecting the foot, ankle, and structures of the leg. APMA has 53 state component locations across the United States and its territories, with a membership of more than 12,500 podiatrists. All practicing APMA members are licensed by the state in which they practice podiatric medicine. For more information, visit [www.apma.org](http://www.apma.org).

### About Darena Solutions LLC

Darena Solutions provides People Compatible™ software solutions for healthcare organization of all sizes that enable providers to deliver high-quality coordinated care, reduce regulatory burden and help maximize financial incentives under value-based healthcare. For more information, visit <http://www.darenasolutions.com> and connect with us on [LinkedIn](#) and [Twitter](#).

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