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Dear Dr. Elzawahry:

The Florida Board of Medicine has been committed to long hours of work regarding the creation of rules and a certification process for “pain clinics.” In this mission, the Board is addressing issues concerning patients, physician practices, specialty concerns, owners and legislation, SB 2272 now identified as Chapter 2010-211. The Florida Board of Medicine will be responsible for monitoring pain clinics by registration, yearly inspections, and fees and is empowered to establish some Rules regarding pain clinic comportment and the further creation of rules mandated by Chapter 2010-211.

In the meantime Counties and Cities in Florida are blatantly moving forward with their own rules and additional fees. We see this as an unjustified encumbrance to legitimate pain practitioners. These moratoriums are creating rules that are in conflict with developing rules and fees that are unrealistic and place a significant financial burden of physician practices.

We would request that the FMA provide guidance and input to prevent these additional encumbrances and allow the Board of Medicine to carrying on with the Rules that they have been mandated by legislation to development.

City of Tampa Application:

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NOTE: A \$950.00 non refundable application fee is to be submitted with this application. ALL APPROVALS EXPIRE on the 30th day of September of each calendar year.

Hillsborough County Application: County Ordinance Page 10, #B

NOTE: B. Application Fee and Requirements – Each application for pain management clinic license shall be accompanied by a nonrefundable application fee in the amount of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00). The application fee is in addition to the One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) annual license fee. Any changes of the application or license fees authorized by this Ordinance may be accomplished by Resolution of the HaCC without the need of revise this Ordinance.

Please find attached examples or these ordinances.

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