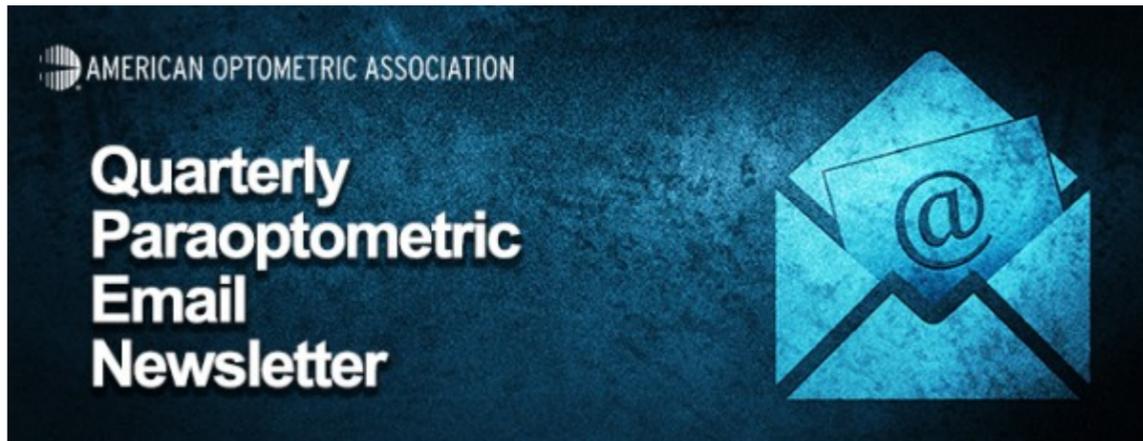


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Participation is open to all advocacy-minded paraoptometrics with sessions tailored to providing attendees the latest updates on priority federal issues and, in close coordination with state associations, the potential to participate in virtual meetings with U.S. senators and House members.

A welcome program and briefings will be scheduled for the afternoon/early evening of Sunday, May 23, and a keynote speaker and deeper dive into the issues will be held the evening of Monday, May 24. Hill meetings will be scheduled throughout the day on Tuesday, May 25 in coordination with state affiliates. [The event website](#) also includes a detailed briefing on the policy issues (as much as we know right now), as well as the posted agenda.

The AOA will provide full support to help state delegations set up Virtual AOA on Capitol Hill meetings; a platform to hold the virtual meetings; a web-based platform to share schedules, meeting details, fact sheets and other info with attendees; and will conduct virtual meeting follow-up.

Get a jump-start on Virtual AOA on Capitol Hill— [visit the AOA's Action Center](#) to see what issues require members' immediate attention and start writing your House and Senate members to urge their attention to optometry's priorities. Or text "RELIEF" to 855.465.5124 to get involved in the current COVID-19 relief efforts.

For more information about Virtual AOA on Capitol Hill, agenda questions or the issues, please email advocacy@aoa.org.

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Emergency Summit on Children's Vision

On March 24 at 8:30 p.m. ET, the AOA will host an [Emergency Summit on Children's Vision](#). This summit will focus on bringing together experts in optometry to discuss the potential impact the pandemic has on children's eye health and vision. Additionally, the summit will identify policy steps to address these vision concerns as we approach Congress during AOA on Capitol Hill.

We are thrilled that our Paraoptometric Resource Center chair and incredible leader Erlinda Rodriguez is one of the summit panelists and we hope you will all join the summit.

Please watch [this brief video](#) on why this is an important moment for this discussion.

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