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## Mobility Saves Gets Mention on CNN Following AOPA Congressional Briefing



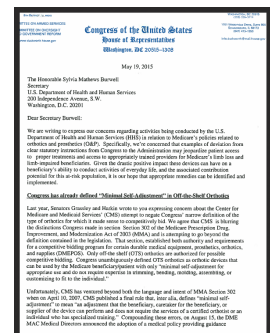
Boston Marathon Bombing Amputee Adrienne Haslet-Davis Pens CNN Op-Ed

AOPA recently brought the message to Congress that "Mobility Saves" with a special news briefing where participants could view the latest prosthetic technology, receive an overview of insurance challenges patients face, along with legislative, regulatory and research issues in O&P, Medicare, VA, the Department of Defense, and the private sector. Boston Marathon Bombing Survivor and Amputee Adrienne Haslet-Davis was one of the featured speakers at the event, and then mentioned Mobility Saves in a CNN Opinion Editorial about the bombing and her new normal since becoming an amputee, including her advocacy work such as at the Congressional Briefing. [Keep reading here.](#)

## AOPA & Congress Team up to Hold HHS to Task 26 Congressional Representatives Sign on to HHS Letter

AOPA Executive Director, Tom Fise, JD, sent an email to AOPA's Board of Directors and allied organizations announcing the success of the sign-on letter that obtained the wide support of members of Congress responding to the full court press from AOPA members and the other O&P organizations.

*"I am pleased to enclose a copy of the final letter to HHS Secretary Sylvia Burwell, led by Reps. Ryan Costello (R-PA) and Tammy Duckworth (D-IL) and signed by a total of 26 Members of the House of Representatives. Read the letter and the rest of the email [here](#).*



## Advocacy in NY Leads to Elimination of 1 Limb Per Lifetime Policy NY State Healthcare Exchange Reverses Policy Effective January 1, 2016

An intensive, three month long advocacy effort by O&P professionals in New York state has led to a significant victory through a reversal of policy in the New York State Healthcare Exchange benchmark plan that limited coverage for artificial limbs to one prosthesis, per limb, per lifetime. In a letter dated May 17, 2015, Donna Frescatore, the Executive Director of the New York State Healthcare Exchange indicated that the benchmark plan will be altered, effective January 1, 2016 to include coverage of the cost of repairs to and replacement of artificial limbs for both children and adults covered by the plan. [Keep reading here.](#)

## New NSC Contractor Announced

Palmetto GBA Replaced by NCI Information Systems, Inc.



On May 13, 2015, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) announced the final award of the National Supplier Clearinghouse (NSC) contract to NCI Information Systems Inc., a Reston, VA based IT firm that will administer the contract through AdvanceMed, a wholly owned subsidiary that also holds several CMS contracts to serve as regional Zone Program Integrity Contractors (ZPICs). The contract, worth \$52 million, is for one base year and up to 4 additional years. [Keep reading here.](#)

## Earn 35 CEs at the 2015 AOPA National Assembly

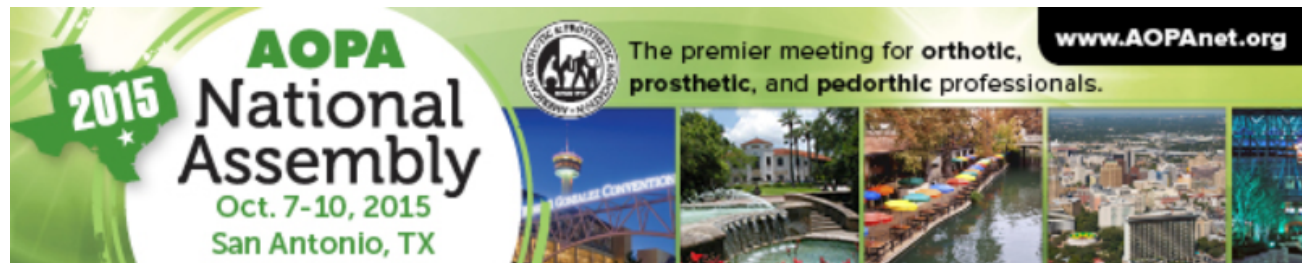
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