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Member Only ICD-10 Resource Available from AOPA

As the clock ticks down to the October 1, 2015 implementation date of the ICD-10 system for diagnosis coding, AOPA wants to make sure that you are aware of an AOPA members only resource to assist in the conversion of ICD-9 code to ICD-10 codes. AOPA has partnered with the folks at *Supercoder.com* to provide an easy to use ICD-10 bridge that will allow you to enter a current ICD-9 code and receive the corresponding ICD-10 code(s) back. This resource, available at <http://www.aopanet.org/coding-reimbursement/icd-10-bridge> is available **at no cost** to AOPA members but you must log in to the AOPA site using the username and password of your main AOPA member site in order to access this free member benefit.

While the ICD-10 bridge is a valuable resource in helping to convert ICD-9 codes to ICD-10 codes, it is important to remember that the ICD-10 code that is reported on your claim must match the one assigned by the referring/ordering physician and is supported by their documentation. This includes the indication of whether or not the service being provided by you is part of an initial encounter, a subsequent encounter or a sequela encounter. You must not change or report a different ICD-10 code than the one that is provided to you.

Here are some other quick reminders and compliance tips about the ICD-10 conversion:

- 1) The use of an ICD-10 code over and ICD-9 code will be based on your date of service. Any claim for an item/service with a date of service of October 1, 2015 and after must include the appropriate ICD-10 code. Any claim for an item/service with a

date of service of September 30, 2015 and prior may still be submitted with the ICD-9 code.

- 2) Be sure to review future copies of the medical policies to see how the transition to ICD-10 may affect each policy. Below are some policies and links that are directly affected by the transition to ICD-10 codes, or those policies which require the use of specific diagnosis codes:

- [Future AFO/KAFO policy](#)
- [Future External Breast Prosthesis Policy](#)
- [Knee Orthoses Policy](#)
- [Therapeutic Shoe Policy](#)

Questions? Contact Joe McTernan at jmcternan@AOPAnet.org or Devon Bernard at dbernard@AOPAnet.org

AOPA Video from the HHS Rally on the LCD Draft Policy

As you know, AOPA organized a patient rally of more than 150 amputees at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) headquarters. AOPA arranged for buses from the DME MAC hearing to the rally in front of the HHS building. Amputees and non-amputees joined together and made sure their voices were heard for almost 3 hours as they marched, rallied, gave speeches, and literally stood on a soap box to deliver the message to CMS that artificial limbs are not a luxury.

The video, plus a summary of AOPA's actions on the LCD Draft Policy, is now [available on our website](#).

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AOPA and the O&P Alliance swiftly respond with letter to HHS detailing grave concerns. [Read More](#)

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Determining patients' pre- and post-amputation activity levels and goals is vital to creating an effective treatment plan. [Read More](#)

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Get the Latest on the LCD Lower Limb Proposal, Prior Authorization, ICD-10 Transition and More



Join AOPA at the Mastering Medicare: Essential Coding & Billing Techniques Seminar. The AOPA experts will keep you updated on the policies that affect you, in addition to the coding and billing knowledge you have come to depend on.

Join your Colleagues November 9-10 in Las Vegas!

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Upcoming AOPA Events

- September 30, 2015 Last day to Register Online for the 2015 National Assembly
[Learn more or register online here](#)
- October 7-10, 2015 *AOPA 2015 National Assembly*
San Antonio, TX
[Learn more or register online here](#)
- October 14, 2015 *Understanding the LSO/ TLSO Policy*
Webinar Conference
[Learn more or register online here](#)

Attend the Wine Auction at the 2015 National Assembly

We cordially invite you to attend the:



During the 2015
AOPA National Assembly
Thursday, October 8
6:30-8:00 PM

The Henry B. Gonzalez
Convention Center
Room 001B (Convention Center River Level)
San Antonio

This is a special event and will require a separate registration fee. For additional information about the Wine Tasting & Auction or to register, contact Devon Benard at DBernard@AOPAnet.org.