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ICD-10 Has Arrived

Effective for claims with a date of service on or after today, October 1, 2015, all Medicare claims must contain a valid ICD-10 diagnosis code in order to be processed. Claims that contain an ICD-9 diagnosis code or an invalid ICD-10 diagnosis code will be rejected as unprocessable. These claims may be resubmitted with a correct ICD-10 diagnosis code.

While the conversion from ICD-9 to ICD-10 will certainly cause some headaches and delays in getting claims paid, these issues should resolve as providers get used to receiving and reporting ICD-10 diagnosis codes in their correct format. It is important to remember that O&P providers are not responsible for assigning the correct ICD-10 code but are only responsible for reporting the valid ICD-10 diagnosis code assigned by the treating/referring physician.

AOPA has a valuable ICD-10 resource available as a member exclusive benefit, the AOPA ICD-10 bridge. This resource, which may be accessed by logging into the AOPA website using the username and password for your main facility location. The AOPA ICD-10 bridge may be accessed at <http://www.aopanet.org/coding-reimbursement/icd-10-bridge/>

While the AOPA ICD-10 bridge is an excellent reference, AOPA recommends that you confirm the correct ICD-10 diagnosis code with the referring physician before you report it on a claim.

Jurisdiction D DME MAC Contract Awarded to Noridian Healthcare Services

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has announced that the Jurisdiction D DME MAC contract has been awarded to Noridian Healthcare Services. The effective date of the contract award is September 14, 2015 and the contract award is for one base year and up to 4 option years. Noridian Healthcare Services is the incumbent contractor for Jurisdiction D so a smooth transition is expected.

The total estimated value of the contract, assuming all 4 option years are exercised is \$137.7 million.

Questions regarding this issue may be directed to Joe McTernan at jmcternan@aopanet.org or Devon Bernard at dbernard@aopanet.org.

National Government Services Files Protest of the DME MAC Jurisdiction B Contract Award

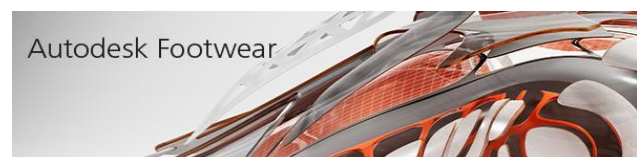
On September 21, 2015 National Government Services (NGS) filed a formal protest of the recent Jurisdiction B DME MAC contract award to CGS Administrators, LLC. CGS, the current Jurisdiction C DME MAC contractor, was awarded the Jurisdiction B contract on September 3, 2015. As a result of the NGS protest, CMS has issued a stop order on the transition of the Jurisdiction B contract from NGS to CGS pending a review of the contract award by the Government Accountability office (GAO).

NGS will continue to serve as the Jurisdiction B contractor until the protest is reviewed and the outcome announced. CMS expects this process to take at least 3 months. Questions regarding this issue may be directed to Joe McTernan at jmcternan@aopanet.org or Devon Bernard at dbernard@aopanet.org

Delcam Orthotic Insole Solutions has a New Name – Autodesk Footwear

Delcam Orthotic Insole Solutions has combined their orthotic insole software, along with Crispin production footwear software solutions, to create a division which will provide software for the creation of the complete custom shoe. Autodesk Footwear has the technologies and services to offer the best digital solutions.

To learn more click [here](#) or you can find them in Booth 549 at the AOPA 2015 National Assembly in San Antonio, TX.



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- **Learn how to assess risk areas in your practice;**
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Hear Ret. Lot. Col. Donald A. Gajewski Speak at the 2015 National Assembly



AOPA and the TCAAOP are pleased to welcome Ret. Lit. Col. Donald A. Gajewski, MD as the keynote for the 98th Annual AOPA National Assembly (being held in conjunction with the Texas Academy Chapter Meeting).

Donald A. Gajewski, MD, is a native of Erie, Pennsylvania. He has a degree in Biology from Harvard University and received his medical degree from the Temple University School of Medicine.

Dr. Gajewski was commissioned into the Army Medical Corps and completed an internship in General Surgery at Walter Reed Army Medical Center (WRAMC) in Washington DC. After serving one year in South Korea as General Medical Officer, he returned to Walter Reed to complete his Orthopaedic Surgery residency. Dr. Gajewski is also fellowship trained in Musculoskeletal Oncology (University of Miami School of Medicine, 2002).

His assignments include staff surgeon at WRAMC where he served as Director of Musculoskeletal Oncology and Amputee surgical care (2002-2008) and Residency Program Director (2006-2007). He served at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center (Landstuhl, Germany) as Chief of Orthopaedics and Rehabilitation (2008-2009) and Chief of Surgery (2009-2010). He most recently served as Director of the Center for the Intrepid (CFI) at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio, Texas.

Dr. Gajewski has been deployed twice: first in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2004 with the 31st Combat Support Hospital and then to Afghanistan in 2010-2011 with the 555th Forward Surgical Team.

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Attend the AOPA Wine Auction

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.

Upcoming AOPA Events

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| September 30, 2015 | Last day to Register Online for the 2015 National Assembly
Learn more or register online here |
| October 7-10, 2015 | <i>AOPA 2015 National Assembly</i>
San Antonio, TX
Learn more or register online here |
| October 14, 2015 | <i>Understanding the LSO/ TLSO Policy</i>
Webinar Conference
Learn more or register online here |