



AMERICAN ORTHOTIC & PROSTHETIC ASSOCIATION

*In Case you Missed It:*

## **MONTHLY RECAP**

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December 2015

### **2016 Medicare DMEPOS Fee Schedule Released**

The First Decrease Since 2011

On November 23, 2015, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) released the 2016 Medicare DMEPOS fee schedule. As expected, Medicare fees for orthotic and prosthetic devices will be slightly lower in 2016 than they were in 2015, with an overall decrease of 0.4% in the 2016 Medicare O&P fee schedule. [Read more here.](#)



### **RAC Contractors Authorized to Re-Start Audit Activity**

RAC audits for O&P providers are still limited to a maximum of 10 audits per Tax ID every 45 days

On November 16, 2015, CMS announced that while new bids for RAC contracts are being accepted and reviewed, the existing four RACs may continue to perform RAC reviews and may begin to issue additional ADR requests. This signals an effective end to the moratorium that was placed on new RAC activity in February of 2014. While it may take a few weeks for the current RACs to put in place the resources to re-start full scale activities, there is no reason to expect that they will not do so as soon as possible. [Read more here.](#)

### **AOPA Webinars Announced for 2016**

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### **2016 HCPCS Codes Released**

Two Minor Verbiage Changes for Codes L1902 and L1904

CMS has released the new HCPCS codes for 2016. There were no L-codes added or deleted for 2016. There were two minor verbiage changes for codes L1902 and L1904, which describe pre-fabricated and custom fabricated ankle gauntlet style devices respectively. The changes will be effective for claims with a date of service on or after January 1, 2016. [See the breakdown of the code descriptor changes.](#)

### **Support the Medicare Orthotics and Prosthetics Improvement Act of 2015**

## [AOPA Votes](#) Website Provides Letter to Send your Legislator

After another tumultuous year for O&P, AOPA encourages you to contact your legislator to support common sense solutions. This bipartisan legislation is focused on reducing fraud, ensuring quality for patients in need of custom prosthetics and orthotics, and saving taxpayer dollars. It will also assure that orthotist's/ prosthetist's notes and records from our patient visits are included in the patient's medical record for purposes of the audits. [Send your letter at www.AOPAvotes.org](http://www.AOPAvotes.org)



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