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AOPA and the O&P Alliance Meet with CMS Officials about Prosthetic LCD Workgroup

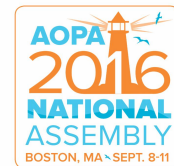
Alliance Concerned with Lack of Input in the Statement Being Developed by Workgroup

On February 26, AOPA Executive Director Thomas Fise joined other representatives of the O&P Alliance for a meeting with CMS officials to discuss the planned Prosthetic LCD-related Interagency Committee. O&P reps were informed that the participants in the Interagency Committee have been identified. They are expected to generate a Consensus statement, likely to take about a year before it is complete, and that Consensus document is expected to be made available for public comment. Dr. Miller of CMS noted that the Consensus Statement, while spawned in the wake of the 2015 Prosthetic LCD, is really not about the LCD, but about Best Practices in the care of Medicare amputee beneficiaries. A question was raised about whether the public would be allowed the access, thus far denied, to be able to see the comments on the LCD, but it appears that the information may be made available to the Interagency Committee, but not to the public. [Read more about the meeting.](#)

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