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CMS Finalizes *Uniform Glossary of Medical Terms* with AOPA's Recommendation for the Term "Orthotics and Prosthetics"

Guidance for Private Insurance Companies Establishing Essential Health Benefits

AOPA recently submitted comments applauding the decision to include a separate and distinct definition of the term "Orthotics and Prosthetics" as part of the *Uniform Glossary of Medical Terms*. This document, which was established through provisions of the Affordable Care Act, is intended to provide guidance to private insurance companies when defining and establishing coverage for essential health benefits.

The *Uniform Glossary* proposed a definition that matched what was submitted by AOPA and the O&P Alliance as part of their previous comments, and that version has been finalized. [Read the full story.](#)

Understanding Shoes, Mastectomy, & Other Policies Webinar

April 13, 1:00 PM - \$99 AOPA Members, \$199 non-Members

- Review the nuances of the Therapeutic Shoes for Persons with Diabetes Policy
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Bipartisan Bill That Would Delay Bundled Payments for Joint Replacements Introduced

AOPA Believes a Delay in Implementation is Warranted

On March 23, Rep. Price (R-GA) and Rep. Scott (D-GA) introduced a bipartisan bill that would delay implementation of a Medicare bundled payment program that would pay hospitals a single payment for joint replacement surgeries and any related follow up care for a period of 90 days post-surgery. This program, known as the Comprehensive Care for Joint Replacement (CCJR) payment model was finalized in the Federal Register on November 16, 2015 and is scheduled for implementation on April 1, 2016 - despite significant concerns about the payment model that were submitted by various medical groups and allied healthcare groups such as AOPA through the official notice and comment period. [Read more and AOPA's comments on the CCJR model here.](#)

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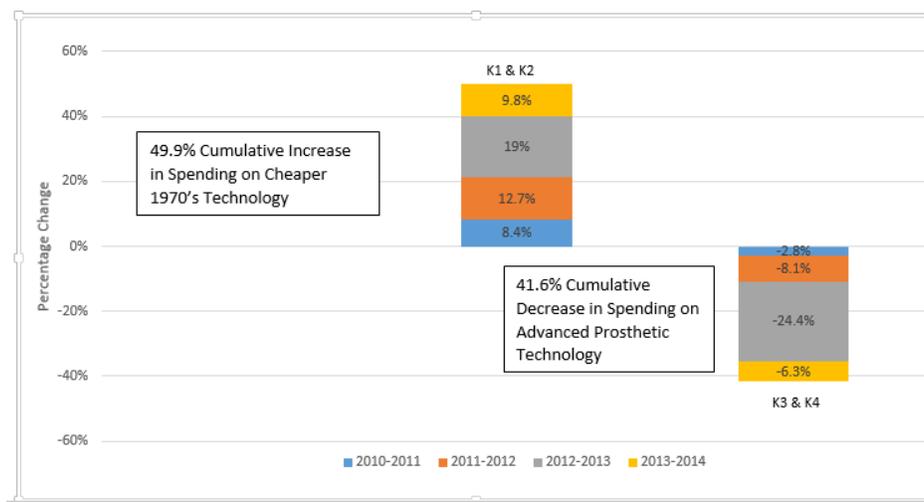


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