



AMERICAN ORTHOTIC & PROSTHETIC ASSOCIATION

In Case you Missed It:**TWICE-MONTHLY RECAP**

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April 22, 2016

AOPA Holds Press Event about Private Insurers Denying Prosthetic Care Based on Medicare LCD

Cigna and United Health Care's New Policies Deny Vacuum Pumps

On April 21, 2016, in an effort to secure widespread media coverage for O&P key issues prior to next week's Congressional visits at the Policy Forum, AOPA scheduled a press briefing exposing the unfairness of United Health Care denials of appropriate lower extremity prosthetics denied two amputees. The event put spotlights on the challenges faced by two amputees arising from the ill conceived LCD draft proposal on lower extremity prosthetics. [Read the press release summarizing the call and listen to the audio.](#)

CMS Announces Update to Interest Rate for Medicare Overpayments and Underpayments

Slight Increase since Last Update



Effective April 19, 2016, the interest rate that will be applied to Medicare overpayments and underpayments will be 10.00%, representing an increase of 0.25% since the last quarterly update. Federal regulations require the Medicare interest rate to be adjusted quarterly based on information published by the Treasury Department.

Jurisdiction D Pre-Payment Probe Review for LSO/TLSO

Noridian, the Jurisdiction D DME MAC, recently announced the start of a prepayment probe review for all LSOs and TLSOs. The purpose of the review is to determine the possibility, based on the DME MAC's data analysis, of a potential problem area. If contacted by Noridian with an Additional Documentation Request (ADR) letter, respond to the ADR with all the documentation requested including but not limited to:

- Initial order & the Detailed Written Order (DWO)
- Medical records from (physician, hospital, SNF, OT, PT, etc.) that support the medical necessity
- Documentation to support the custom fitted or off the shelf orthosis code billed (if applicable)
- Proof of delivery (POD)
- A copy of the PDAC verification, if required
- Any other supporting documentation you feel is relevant.

Join the Coding & Billing Experts in San Antonio

2 Day Event; Discounts for AOPA Members

Join AOPA June 13-14 in San Antonio, TX. Don't miss this opportunity to get the most up to date information to advance your O&P practitioners' and billing staff's coding knowledge. Join AOPA for this 2 day event, where you will earn 14 CEs and get up-to-date on all the hot topics. [Learn more and register.](#)



When Things Go Wrong: Making Lemonade out of Lemons

AOPA Webinar, May 11

On May 11, 1:00 pm EST, join AOPA for a one hour webinar and earn 1.5 CEs, while learning about how to make the best of frustrating and potentially costly situations. During this webinar, participants will learn what to do in the following scenarios:

- A patient refuses an item/service
- A patient returns an item
- You have a disgruntled patient
- Learn about other instances of when things don't go as planned, and how you can make the best out of each situation

[Register now.](#)

Deadline Approaching for AOPA's Pilot Grant Proposals

\$15,000 Grants Offered

AOPA, in partnership with the Center for O&P Learning & Evidence Based Practice (COPL), has announced a Request for Pilot Grant Proposals in 16 potential areas of orthotic and prosthetic research including an open topic. The topics include Orthotic Management of Osteoarthritis; Sockets: Methods for Measuring Proper Socket Fit and Alignment; Utilization and comparative effectiveness of TLSO/LSO. The deadline to apply is April 30, 2016. [See the rest of the topics in the full RFP.](#)

Minnesota on its Way to Licensing O&P

Would Join the 15 States with Licensure Requirements

The state of Minnesota has made progress to adopting a state licensure policy for orthotists, prosthetists, and pedorthists. HF2344/SF 1368, An Act to License Orthotists, Prosthetists, and Pedorthists was introduced in the House May 15, 2015 with bipartisan sponsorship. As of April 11, the bill has passed review in all committees of the Senate, and is currently being reviewed by the Ways and Means Committee in the House. If adopted, Minnesota would join the 15 states in the US with state licensure requirements.

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