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## AHRQ Announces Systematic Review of Clinical Literature on Lower Limb Prostheses

Likely Related to Interagency Taskforce Reviewing the 2015 Draft LCD

The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), the "government agency tasked with producing evidence to improve the quality of healthcare while working with partners to ensure that the evidence is understood and used" recently announced that it will be initiating a systematic review for lower limb prostheses. The systematic review will be performed through the Evidence Based Practice Center Program of the AHRQ and the stated purpose of the systematic review is "to examine the available clinical evidence that defines practices in the care of beneficiaries who require lower limb prostheses (LLP)." AOPA will request a meeting to share similar research conducted by independent researchers with AOPA funding. [Read more.](#)

## US District Court Rejects HHS Request to Delay Hearing on OMHA, in Lawsuit Filed by Hospital Association

The AHA's Case will go Forward in Lawsuit on OMHA Exceeding Statutory Provisions on ALJ Hearings

In 2014, the American Hospital Association (AHA) filed suit in the federal District Court seeking relief because HHS and the Office of Medicare Hearings and Appeals (OMHA) have for many years exceeded the statutory provision, which assures a final ALJ decision within 90 days after filing a request for ALJ appeal. Originally, the District Court dismissed the case, but early this year the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals reversed that decision and ordered that the case should go forward in the District Court. HHS/OMHA asked for a delay of over a year, but the Court ruled not to approve HHS' request for such a delay, but rather that case will go forward with a hearing in two weeks. The outcome of this hearing will have ramifications for all providers subject to RAC audits, and AOPA is closely monitoring the case. [Read more here.](#)



## CMS Announces New Address for CERT Documentation Submission

New CERT Contractor; Other Audits Not Affected

CMS recently announced that, effective October 7, 2016, documentation submitted in response to a CERT audit request should be sent to the following address:

CERT Documentation Center, 1510 East Parham Road, Henrico, VA 23228  
 Fax: 804-261-8100; Customer Service: 443-663-2699; Toll Free: 888-779-7477; Email: [certmail@admedcorp.com](mailto:certmail@admedcorp.com)

The address change is a result of the recent transition in CERT contractor duties that combined the medical review and documentation collection activities of the existing CERT contractor, Advamed. This change applies **only** to documentation requests involving CERT audits.

## White House Design For All Showcase

Inclusive Fashion Show Including Prostheses

On September 15, the White House hosted a Fashion Show celebrating inclusive design, assistive technology, and prostheses. Below is a clip of the Fashion Show provided by the White House.

There is also a video of the closing remarks by Alison Cernich, Director of NICHD National Center for Medical Rehabilitation Research. [See the video of the closing remarks here.](#)



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