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Call for Papers for AOPA World Congress

Clinical, Business, Technical and Symposia Presenters Wanted

AOPA is seeking high-quality educational and research content for the Second O&P World Congress to be held September 6-9, 2017 at the Mandalay Bay Resort in Las Vegas, Nevada, USA.

Your submissions will set the stage for a broad curriculum of high-value clinical and scientific offerings at the 2017 World Congress. All abstracts will be considered for both podium and poster presentations. Receive a complimentary one-day registration (or 50% credit towards a full conference registration) when your free paper is selected as a podium presentation. Those presenting more than one Podium Free Paper will receive a Full Complimentary registration. Poster Presenters will receive a 40% discount off their full conference registration. [Learn more about presenting.](#)



Federal Judge Stops US Department of Labor Overtime Rule

December 1st Overtime Rule Will Not be Implemented

A federal judge has blocked the implementation of an Obama administration rule that would have extended overtime eligibility to workers earning up to \$47,476. The new law was scheduled to be implemented December 1, 2016. The Labor Department's overhaul to the overtime rule required employers to pay time-and-a-half to employees who worked more than 40 hours a week and earned less than \$47,476 a year. The current law remains in effect, with the threshold at \$23,660. [Read the memo from AOPA's legal counsel.](#)

Rick Fleetwood of Snell P&O Laboratory named Outstanding Philanthropist

By Arkansas Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals

At the 2016 National Philanthropy Day Luncheon held in Little Rock, Arkansas, the Arkansas chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals honored eight award recipients. Rick Fleetwood of Snell Prosthetic and Orthotic Laboratory was named Outstanding Philanthropist. [Read the article in the Northwest Arkansas Democrat Gazette.](#)



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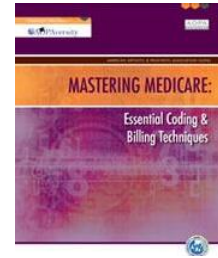


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Jurisdiction D DME MAC Releases Pre-Payment Audit Results

Denial Rates of 72-100%

Noridian Healthcare Solutions, the current Jurisdiction D DME MAC contractor, has recently released a summary of its pre-payment audit results for several codes. The results of audit activity that took place from June through September of 2016 are summarized in the table below. Common denial reasons for claims included in the pre-payment review were failure to respond to requests for additional documentation (all categories), lack of documentation of the need for a custom fitted orthosis rather than an off the shelf orthosis (knee, spinal orthoses, and walking boots), lack of documentation that supports objective knee instability (knee orthoses), lack of documentation to support the need for a custom fabricated orthosis (L1960 and L1970), and lack of documentation from the certifying physician (therapeutic shoes).

While the high error rate associated with these pre-payment reviews is frustrating, the only way to end a pre-payment review is to successfully pass the pre-payment audit process. While we may believe that the documentation requirements are unreasonable, AOPA members must continue to make every effort to secure the required documentation necessary to support their claims.

HCPCS Code	Claim Denial rate
L1833	92%
L1960	76%
L1970	72%
L4360	99%
L0631	100%
L0637	99%
A5500	74%

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