



In Case you Missed It:

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Submit Comments on CMS' Proposed Rule on O&P Qualified Providers

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As you know, CMS released a proposed rule that would enact the long awaited provisions of Section 1834(h) of the Social Security Act, which establishes requirements for qualified suppliers and qualified practitioners, and restricts payments to providers who don't meet those criteria. It is critically important that AOPA, AOPA members and everyone in the O&P community provide thoughtful and comprehensive comments by the March 13 deadline. AOPA has gathered member input on the rule and has prepared pre-written comments for members to submit. [Submit your comments.](#)

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RAC Audits Set to Begin Again

March 2017 Start Date

Performant Recovery, the Region 5 recovery audit contractor (RAC), has announced in a recent webinar that they plan to begin auditing/reviewing claims in March 2017. The Region 5 RAC is the national contractor responsible for auditing/reviewing all claims for DMEPOS, Home Health, and Hospice services; Performant Recovery was awarded this contract in October 2016. At this time Performant Recovery, the previous RAC for Jurisdiction A, has not identified any O&P issues as potential target areas for future audits/reviews. To prepare for the audits be sure to review the [Approved Issues](#) page on the Performant Recovery website, as it will provide you with information on the potential target areas for future audits/review.

Deadline Extended for Clinical Free Paper Submission

March 8 deadline to Present at AOPA World Congress, Sept 6-9

Due to an overwhelming number of requests, the World Congress Clinical Planning Committee has agreed to extend the submission date until March 8 for Clinical Free Papers. (The submission deadline for Technical, Business and Symposia Papers has passed.) [Submit your Clinical Paper.](#)



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Registration is Open for the Policy Forum

May 24-25 in Washington, DC



Join AOPA May 24-25 in Washington, DC for the 2017 Policy Forum. The Policy Forum is your best opportunity to learn the latest legislative and regulatory details and how they will affect you, your business and your patients. Once you are armed with the facts, we as a profession will educate our members of Congress to offer common sense solutions and share how the O&P profession restores lives and puts people back to work. [Learn more and register.](#)

AOPA Pilot Research Grants Announced

16 Total Topics - Grants of up to \$15,000

The American Orthotic & Prosthetic Association, in partnership with the Center for O&P Learning/Evidence-Based Practice (COPL), is proud to announce a Request for Pilot Grant Proposals in 16 potential areas of orthotic and prosthetic research including an open topic. AOPA and COPL will give preference to grants that address evidence-based clinical application in orthotics and prosthetics. The deadline for proposals is April 28, 2017. [See the full RFP.](#)

