

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

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Nominate an O&P Inventor or Innovator

To Be Honored at the World Congress

AOPA is celebrating its 100th Anniversary in 2017 and we are pulling out all stops during the September 6-9 World Congress, where we will showcase significant milestones of the Association and Profession through our "Walk Through Time" historical display as well as awards to honor those who have made a significant contribution to patient care through the invention of a device or technique. The deadline for submissions is May 31, 2017. [Learn more and nominate someone.](#)

The ABN Form Has Been Updated

New Language on Medicare Nondiscrimination Practices Included

The Advance Beneficiary Notice of Noncoverage (ABN) form has recently been updated and approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). There were no substantial changes made to the content or directions for use of the ABN form (CMS-R-131). The primary revision was to include new language informing patients of their rights to Medicare nondiscrimination practices, and how to request the ABN in a different format if required. The revised ABN will become effective on June 21, 2017. [Download it here.](#)

AOPA100.org is Live

Celebrating AOPA's Centennial

AOPA has a new website to celebrate its 100 year Anniversary- www.AOPA100.org. The website features AOPA's history, an interactive timeline, photo gallery, O&P stories from AOPA members, and AOPA's plans for the future. Listen to stories from other AOPA members and submit your own, and share photos for our photo gallery.

**AOPA Pilot Research Grants - Deadline April 28th**

Grants up to \$15,000

The American Orthotic & Prosthetic Association, in partnership with the Center for O&P Learning & Evidence-Based Practice (COPL), currently has an open RFP for Pilot Grant Proposals in 16 potential areas of orthotic and prosthetic research including an open topic. The deadline for proposals is April 28, 2017. [Read the full eligibility and application process.](#)

Jurisdiction D DME MAC Releases Quarterly Audit Results for Spinal Orthosis

Denials Ranging from 69-100%

Noridian, the DME MAC for Jurisdiction D, recently released the results of their ongoing service specific review of Spinal Orthosis (L0450, L0452, L0454-L0458, L0460, L0462, L0464, L0466-L0470, L0472, L0480, L0482, L0484, L0486, L0488, L0490-L0492, L0621, L0623, L0625-L0643 and L0648-L0651). Between October 2016 and February 2017 Noridian reviewed 680 spinal orthoses claims, and 674 were denied. Based on these results Noridian will continue its prepayment reviews for the above codes. [View the complete audit results.](#) The summary is below:

- * The TLSO review had an overall claim potential improper payment rate of 97%.
- * The LSO review had an overall claim potential improper payment rate of 100%.
- * The SO review had an overall claim potential improper payment rate of 69%.
- * The LO review had an overall claim potential improper payment rate of 100%.

Register 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



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