

**In Case you Missed It:**

TWICE-MONTHLY RECAP

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RAC Announcement On Audit of L5845 - Issue Has Been Removed from the RAC Website

No Formal Response from Performant

On April 25, AOPA shared that Performant Recovery, the national RAC contractor, had announced that it would begin performing an automated review on claims involving HCPCS code L5845 billed in conjunction with specific prosthetic knee codes. AOPA reviewed the announcement and was immediately concerned that the RAC was not in compliance with its statement of work (SOW) which requires very specific criteria in order to implement an automated review. In an April 28 letter to the Performant Recovery Medical Director, AOPA expressed its concern regarding Performant's decision to initiate an automated review without meeting the specific criteria identified in its statement of work. AOPA has not received a formal response from Performant Recovery addressing its concern, but the audit announcement for L5845 has been entirely removed from the "approved issues" section of the Performant Recovery website. [Read the letter we sent.](#)

Jurisdiction C DME MAC Announces Pre-Payment Review of Microprocessor Knee Code

AOPA Following this Development

On May 4, CGS Administrators, LLC, the DME MAC for Jurisdiction C, announced the initiation of a widespread pre-payment review for HCPCS code L5856-Addition to lower extremity prosthesis, endoskeletal knee-shin system, microprocessor control feature, swing and stance phase, includes electronic sensor(s), any type. L5856 is used as an addition code to prosthetic knee components that incorporate the use of a microprocessor to control the knee during both swing and stance phase of the gait cycle. [Read more.](#)

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AOPA Meets with HHS Leadership

Important O&P Topics Discussed

On April 27, AOPA met with several key members of the HHS Leadership team to discuss issues important to O&P. In attendance were HHS and CMS officials John Brooks, J.D., Counselor to HHS Secretary on Medicare, Policy Advisor Amanda Street and several AOPA key leaders, including AOPA President Michael Oros, CPO, FAAOP; AOPA Executive Director Tom Fise, JD; AOPA President-Elect James Weber, MBA; Scott Schneider; AOPA lobbyists Michael Park and Stephanie Kennan; and Peter Thomas, JD, counsel to the O&P Alliance. The meeting provided an opportunity for AOPA to brief key health-care administrators on the full range of issues facing orthotics, prosthetics, and pedorthics providers and their patients. [Read more and the agenda.](#)

Attend the Coding & Billing Seminar in Pittsburgh

Discounts for AOPA Members

Join AOPA July 17-18 in Pittsburgh, PA to advance your O&P practitioners' and billing staff's coding knowledge. At this 2 day event, attendees will earn 14 CEs and participate in breakout sessions to ensure concentration on material appropriate to each group. [Learn more.](#)



House Passes American Health Care Act, Starting the Path for Repeal of Affordable Care Act of 2009

First Step in Repeal and Replace

On May 4, the House voted to enact the American Health Care Act (AHCA). This is the initial legislative step in a process intended to eliminate major portions of the Affordable Care Act. Most folks recognize that this was the second attempt on this bill, after it came up short a few weeks before. There were significant revisions between the recent legislative language and the prior one. The MacArthur amendment establishes a permissible state waiver, allowing states to: increase the age rating ratio above the 5:1 ratio; specify the essential health benefits that are required to be covered; and implements a health status rating for states operating a risk mitigation program or participating in a Federal Invisible Risk Sharing Program. The Upton amendment provides an additional \$8 billion over five years to offset or reduce premiums or other out-of-pocket costs for certain individuals with pre-existing conditions. [Read more.](#)

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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.

