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### Mark your Calendar: Healthcare Compliance & Ethics Week

AOPA Helps you Celebrate November 5-11

AOPA is celebrating Healthcare Compliance & Ethics Week November 5-11 and providing resources for members, many of them at no cost, to facilitate participation during the week and leading up to it. We will be sending out daily compliance tips and the chance to win prizes during HCEW week, and providing special educational opportunities. We also have white papers and other resources available to get started with your plans to celebrate. [Learn more.](#)



### Jurisdiction D DME MAC Reports Results from Ongoing Review of Knee Orthoses

100% Denial Rate

Noridian Healthcare Solutions, who serves as the Jurisdiction D DME MAC, recently released results of its ongoing pre-payment review of knee orthoses described by HCPCS codes L1832 and L1843. Unfortunately, the denial rate for both HCPCS codes was 100% for the claims reviewed from January 2017 through April 2017. There were 139 claims selected for review for L1832 and 117 claims selected for review for L1843.

The four top denial reasons were: documentation does not support custom fit criteria; documentation does not support coverage criteria; lack of response to request for additional documentation; proof of delivery is incomplete or missing elements.

While the report from Noridian does not specify how many claims were denied for each of the reasons above, it is discouraging to continue to see claims denied for lack of response and invalid proof of delivery as these functions are completely within the capability of the O&P provider. AOPA has had discussions with Noridian regarding potential reasons for such high denial rates, especially for knee orthoses and will continue to work with Noridian on education strategies to reduce the overall denial rate for these services [here.](#)

### AOPA Unveils New Centennial Directory

First Yearbook Mailed since 2010

AOPA is celebrating its 100 year anniversary in 2017 and one of the ways we are celebrating is with our [Who's Who 100th Anniversary Commemorative Membership Directory](#). This directory has O&P history, technology, contact information for all 2017 AOPA members, and a supplier listing with a detailed product index. All AOPA member locations and advertisers had 1 physical book mailed to them. You can purchase additional copies in our [bookstore.](#)



### Introducing the AOPA Co-OP

### Members-only Benefit

AOPA is proud to announce the launch of a new AOPA member benefit. The Co-OP, an online reimbursement, coding and policy resource, will serve as a collection of concise, but detailed information with links to supporting documentation for the topics most important to AOPA Members. Like a Wikipedia of all things O&P, the Co-OP will have a crowdsourcing component, which will be vetted, to garner the vast knowledge and experience of our membership body. [Learn more and sign up.](#)

## The World Congress Hotel Rate is Now Only \$125/Night

September 6-9, 2017 Las Vegas, NV

Enjoy the luxurious Mandalay Bay at our new low rate of \$125/night. Preview the preliminary program for the amazing line-up of physicians, researchers, and top-notch practitioners presenting on the education you need in this changing health care environment: the triple aim, advanced technologies, integrated care, osseointegration, cybersecurity, diabetic foot care, documentation and reimbursement, 3-D printing and much, much more. [Learn more and register now.](#)

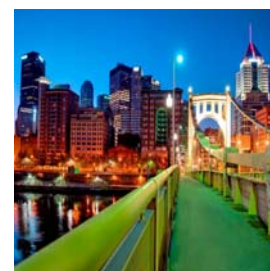


Preliminary Program

## 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. Book your hotel room by June 23 for the \$149/night rate. [Learn more.](#)



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