



In Case you Missed It:

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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.](#)

Wrap Up of the 2017 AOPA Policy Forum

New Legislation Introduced

Last week's Policy Forum was another successful one for the record books. With the broader healthcare debate going on in Washington and across America, AOPA members came to DC to discuss the issues most important to them and their patients with their lawmakers.

The big story of the Policy Forum was the introduction in the 115th Congress of S.1191 and H.R. 2599, better known as the Medicare O&P Improvement Act of 2017. This bill, among other things, would separate O&P from DME, and allow orthotist's and prosthetist's notes to be part of the medical record for determining medical necessity. [Read the full wrap up and see the photos.](#)

Use www.AOPAvotes.org to voice your support for the Medicare O&P Improvement Act.



Rep. Mast (R-FL)

The 2017 AOPA World Congress Preliminary Program is Available

September 6-9, 2017 Las Vegas, NV

The preliminary program is now available! See 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.](#)



Complete Survey by June 23rd to Receive a Free OPC Compensation Report

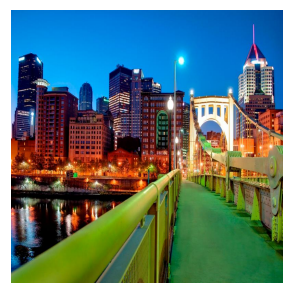
Free Customized Report for AOPA Members

To receive your company's Operating Performance and Compensation customized company report, you'll need to complete the survey, which is open until June 23rd. It's FREE. You'll also get the opportunity for a 30 minute consultation with Industry Insights about your findings. Don't miss out on this Scorecard Opportunity! Call 571/431-0810 for more information or visit www.aopa-survey.com.

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.](#)



New ABN Form - Effective June 21st

New Language Added

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 and may be downloaded [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.

