



AOPA Announces World Congress Award Winners

AOPA is pleased to announce the Award Winners who will be honored at the the AOPA World Congress, September 6-9, 2017 in Las Vegas. [Learn more about the awards and winners.](#)

Lifetime Achievement Award:

-Sir Saeed Zahedi, OBE, FREng, BSc, PhD, FIMechE, CEng, RDI

Ralph R. "Ronney" Snell Legislative Advocacy Award

Recipients:

-Aaron Holm

-Adrienne Haslet

Inventor Awards:

-Van Phillips, Flex-Foot

-J. Martin "Marty" Carlson, CPO(E), FAAOP, Tamarack Flexure Joint

-M.E. "Bill" Miller, CO, The Boston Brace System

-Kelly James, PhD, C-Leg



Sir Saeed Zahedi, OBE,
FREng, BSc, PhD,
FIMechE, CEng, RDI

Edwin & Kathryn Arbogast Award, and Otto & Lucille Becker -Awards (Student Poster Awards):

-Elizabeth Bell

-Kierra Falbo

PDAC Announces a Coding Redetermination Project for Custom Diabetic Inserts (A5513)

Previous A5513 PDAC coding verifications end dated 5/31/2018; must be resubmitted

On July 13, the DME MACs addressed the use of HCPCS code A5513, which describes molded to patient model diabetic shoe inserts. The joint publication indicated that diabetic inserts billed using A5513 must be molded over an actual model of the patient's foot, not a generic, electronic, or "virtual" model. On August 10, PDAC announced that based on the coding clarification, it would initiate a Coding Redetermination Project for diabetic inserts described by A5513. As part of this project, all previous A5513 PDAC coding verifications will be end dated effective May 31, 2018. Manufacturers and central fabrication facilities who wish to have their products PDAC verified for A5513 will need to submit a new application to the PDAC. This applies to both new products and existing products that were previously verified. The PDAC has indicated that applications should be submitted well in advance of the May 31, 2018 end date to allow adequate time for review.

The PDAC notice stated that products that are currently PDAC verified for A5513 may continue to be billed using A5513 until the May 31, 2018 end date. Medicare claims for diabetic inserts described by A5513 with a date of service on or after June 1, 2018 will require a new PDAC coding verification using the requirements outlined in the July 13, 2017 coding clarification. [Read the PDAC announcement.](#)

AOPA Attends Prosthetic Forum in Michigan

On August 10, Wright & Filippis hosted a Prosthetic Forum for Rep. Mike Bishop, R-MI. Patients, prosthetists, including Ryan Filippis and Adam Heidel, manufacturers (including AOPA Past President Rudy

Becker), and the educational community (Jeff Wensman, Univ. of Michigan) were represented. The objective of the session, held at Rep. Bishop's request, was to educate him on all aspects of challenges facing the O&P community. The O&P representatives also expressed their appreciation for his support in helping advance H.R. 3178, the provision legitimatizing the orthotist/prosthetist notes as part of the Medicare record for purposes of medical necessity determinations, which was enacted by the House.



(L-R) AOPA Board Member Pam Lupo; Rep. Mike Bishop (R-MI); A.J. Filippis, CPO; and AOPA's Tom Fise

RAC Audits for Custom Fabricated LSOs and TLSOs Announced

Audit for custom AFOs and KAFOs added to the approved issues list on August 2, 2017

Performant Recovery, the national Home Health, Hospice, and DMEPOS RAC contractor, has announced that it will be initiating a post-payment complex medical review for custom fabricated LSO and TLSO claims. Performant Recovery added the review to its list of approved issues on August 2, 2017. Providers whose claims are selected for review will receive a letter from Performant Recovery requesting relevant documentation to support medical necessity for the orthoses that was provided. The RAC audit for custom LSOs and TLSOs is the second O&P specific approved issue since the award of the new RAC contract to Performant Recovery. The first approved issue is an audit for custom AFOs and KAFOs added to the approved issues list on August 2, 2017. AOPA continues to monitor the RAC website to identify additional audit issues as they are announced. The RAC announcement on the audit of custom LSOs and TLSOs may be found on the [Performant website](#) by searching for issue 0024.

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Webinar: ABC Inspections & Accreditation

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- What to expect during and after a site visit
- Which Quality Standards apply to O&P?
- What can I do to get ready for accreditation?
- Answers to common accreditation myths and questions



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