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## Recent Jurisdiction D Reports Pre-Payment Audit Results

96% Denial Rate on Certain Knee Orthoses

Noridian Healthcare Services, the Jurisdiction D DME MAC, recently released results of pre-payment audits for knee orthoses (KO) described by codes L1810, L1812, L1820, L1830, L1831, L1832, L1833, L1834, L1836, L1840, L1843, L1844, L1845, L1846, L1847, L1848, L1850, L1851, L1852 and L1860.

The pre-payment review included 95 claims, submitted between January 2017 and April 2017, of which 88 were denied for an overall claim potential improper payment rate of 96%. Common reasons for denial included failure to respond to requests for additional documentation, invalid proof of delivery documentation, coverage criteria not met, and the claim was same or similar to the one on file. Based on the overall denial rates, Noridian will continue its pre-payment review for the above listed KOs.

## Webinar: What the Medicare Audit Data Tells Us & How to Avoid Common Errors

Register for the August 9, 1:00 PM EST Webinar

Join AOPA of the 1 hour webinar for \$99 members/ \$199 non-members. At the webinar, we will cover the Medicare audit data to learn:

- What claims & services are being denied?
- Why are they being denied?
- What I can fix, so my claims will not be denied?



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## DME MACs Clarify Requirements for Use of A5513

Virtual model doesn't meet requirement

On July 13, the DME MACs published a joint publication that addressed the proper use of HCPCS code A5513, which is used to describe molded to patient model diabetic shoe inserts. The joint publication indicates that in order to meet the requirements of the HCPCS code descriptor, diabetic inserts billed using A5513 must be molded over an actual model of the patient's foot. The use of generic, electronic or "virtual" models where custom fabrication occurs without creation of a physical model of the patient's foot does not meet the code descriptor, and diabetic inserts fabricated this way cannot be billed as A5513. According to the joint publication, inserts fabricated using generic, electronic or virtual models must be coded as A9270-Non-covered service. AOPA is evaluating the impact of this clarification and will be discussing this issue with the DME MACs in the near future. [Access the joint publication.](#)

## Healthcare Compliance & Ethics Week November 5-11, 2017

Free resources for members

Mark November 5-11 on your calendar for Healthcare Compliance & Ethics Week! AOPA is celebrating 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've made it easy to participate with White Papers, Samples and low or no cost education. [Access here.](#)



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