



In Case you Missed It:

TWICE-MONTHLY RECAP

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January 5, 2018

CMS Releases the 2018 Medicare DMEPOS Fee Schedule

1.1% increase over 2017

CMS has released the 2018 Medicare DMEPOS fee schedule which will be effective for Medicare claims with a date of service on or after January 1, 2018. The 2018 Medicare fee schedule for O&P services will be increased by 1.1% over 2017 rates. The 1.1% increase is a net reflection of the 1.6% increase in the Consumer Pricing Index for Urban Areas (CPI-U) from June 2016 through June 2017, combined with the annual Multi-Factor Productivity Adjustment (MFP) of -0.5%. The 1.1% increase in the O&P Medicare fee schedule for 2018 represents a 0.4% larger amount than the 2017 increase of 0.7%. Unfortunately, the 2% sequestration based reduction to all Medicare payments remains in effect (currently through 2025) meaning that Medicare fee for service payments will continue to be reduced by 2% due to sequestration. While sequestration continues to impact Medicare reimbursement, it is not cumulative. You will still receive 1.1% more for a service you provide in 2018 than you did in 2017. [Download the complete 2018 Medicare DMEPOS fee schedule.](#)

Call for Papers for 2018 National Assembly

Present September 26-29 in Vancouver

AOPA is seeking high-quality educational and research content for the 2018 AOPA National Assembly, September 26-29 in Vancouver, BC, Canada. All submissions are due March 1, 2018.

AOPA is accepting these topics:

- *Clinical Free Papers
- *Technician Program
- *Symposia/instructional course
- *Business Education
- *Pedorthic Program

[Learn more and submit your paper.](#)

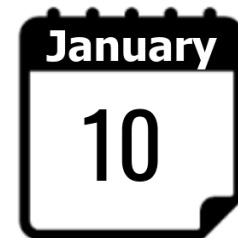


Attend the January Webinar, "Lower Limb Prostheses Policy: A Comprehensive Review"

Earn 1.5 CEs. [Register now.](#)

Join us January 10 and 1:00 PM EST for the 1 hour webinar, reviewing the LLP including:

- Prosthetic Functional Levels
- Coverage of Initial, Preparatory, and Definitive Prostheses
- SNF PPS Exemptions
- Adjustments & Repairs
- Replacements
- Useful lifetime restrictions
- Documentation requirements



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Pre-show Alaska cruises available starting at \$1164 per person

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[Learn more and start planning.](#)



First Coding & Billing Seminar of 2018 is in Atlanta

February 26-27

Earn 14 CEs and learn to code like a pro at AOPA's first Mastering Medicare: Essential Coding & Billing Techniques Seminar of 2018. AOPA experts provide the most up-to-date information to help O&P Practitioners and office billing staff learn how to code complex devices, including repairs and adjustments, through interactive discussions with AOPA experts, your colleagues, and much more. Meant for both practitioners and office staff, this advanced two-day event will feature breakout sessions for these two groups, to ensure concentration on material appropriate to each group. Register by January 26 for the early bird rate. [Register now.](#)



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