



In Case you Missed It:

TWICE-MONTHLY RECAP

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Congress (and the federal law) now says our orthotist/prosthetist notes are officially part of the medical record for purposes of medical necessity determinations... now what?

Some Interim Suggestions for Submitting Claims

The provision enacted is clear, to the point that it should be self-actuating, becoming actively in force as of the time of enactment. Since there were no regulations changed when the DME MACs changed policy by introducing the August 2011 "Dear Physician" letter, there does not seem any need for regulations to revert back to the previous policy. That being said, CMS often sees things through their own lens, so there is no assurance they won't issue a regulation of some kind regarding this issue.

[Read AOPA's guidance.](#)

Call for Papers for 2018 National Assembly - Deadline Extended

All submissions are now due March 9, 2018

AOPA is seeking high-quality educational content for the 2018 AOPA National Assembly, September 26-29 in Vancouver, BC, Canada.

AOPA is accepting these topics:

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



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[Learn more and submit your paper by March 9.](#)

Opportunities for Clinical O&P Research Support from AOPA

The deadline for all proposals is April 30, 2018

AOPA has announced 5 Requests for Proposals for separate research grants. As part of AOPA's Orthotics 2020 initiative, we are committed to making a major leap forward in clinical research that can answer some of the most important and profound issues about Orthotics. AOPA, together with its many partners among O&P manufacturers, patient care companies, and others entities committed to an evidence-driven future for O&P, will be funding one grant for each topic below in amounts of up to \$60,000-\$75,000, varying by topic- see each RFP for the specifics of the grant. In partnership with the Center for O&P Learning & Evidence-Based Practice (COPL), AOPA is accepting applications for pilot grants for up to \$15,000-\$30,000 for ten O&P topics, including an open topic (multiple grants will be funded). [See the grant topics.](#)

Attend the March Webinar, "Medicare Coding Guidelines: MUEs, PTPs, PDAC, etc."

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

Join us March 14 at 1:00 PM EST for the 1 hour webinar, to review the following:

- *Medically Unlikely Edit Charts
- *Procedure-to-Procedure Edit Charts
- *PDAC recommendations
- *And others



Attend the San Antonio Coding & Billing Seminar

Attend the San Antonio Coding & Billing Seminar April 30 - May 1

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. [Learn more and register.](#)

