



In Case you Missed It:

TWICE-MONTHLY RECAP

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AOPA Confirms K0903 Medicare Fee Schedule at Same Rate as A5513

Important precedent on using advanced technology to fabricate

Recently, AOPA announced an important advocacy victory regarding the Medicare fee schedule amount for K0903, the newly created HCPCS code used to describe direct milled, custom fabricated diabetic inserts. When K0903 was first announced, CMS indicated that the Medicare fee schedule would be approximately \$5.00 less than the current fee schedule for A5513 which describes custom fabricated diabetic inserts molded over a positive model of the patient's foot. AOPA challenged this position and presented several arguments that supported the direct crosswalk of the Medicare fee schedule for A5513 to the fee schedule for K0903. [Keep reading.](#)

Deadline for the Low Volume Appeals (LVA) Initiative Approaches

Expression of interest must be filed by April 11, 2018

For those suppliers whose NPI numbers end in an odd number (1,3, 5, 7, 9) and have fewer than 500 appeals pending at Administrative Law Judge level or higher, and each appeal has a total billed amount of \$9,000 or less you may file an expression of interest for a limited settlement agreement. The agreement will result in a timely one-time partial payment of 62% of the net Medicare approved amount of the appeals in question. If your NPI number ends in an odd number and you wish to take part in the LVA your expression of interest must be filed by April 11, 2018. [File your expression of interest.](#)

New Medicare ID Cards are about to be Mailed

New Medicare Beneficiary Identifier coming

This is just as a reminder the new Medicare ID cards with a Medicare Beneficiary Identifier (MBI), instead of the current Health Insurance Claim Number (HICN), will be issued and mailed to beneficiaries starting in April. The new cards will be mailed to random geographic areas, so be sure you are prepared and ready for the new cards. Beginning in April, Medicare will start the transition period of allowing claims to use either the old HCIN or new MBI. To review what to expect with the new ID cards and what you can do to prepare, please read the reimbursement page in the [November 2017 issue of the O&P Almanac.](#)

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