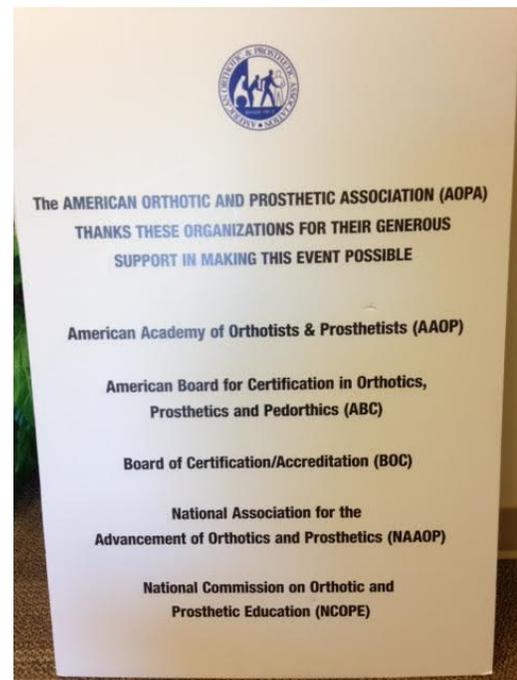


Some photos from the Patient Rally:



New Limitations on Post Payment Reviews/Audits

The Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has recently issued a directive to its contractors handling appeals of post payment audits/reviews. CMS has informed the Durable Medical Equipment Medicare Administrative Contractors (DME MACs) and the Qualified Independent Contractors (QIC) that during the redetermination and reconsideration levels they may only “limit their review to the reason(s) the claim or line item at issue was initially denied”. This means that the contractors may no longer deny your claim for a different reason upon further review of the claim, they may only review and make a decision based on the initial issue at hand.

This new directive and instructions applies to redetermination and reconsideration requests received by the DME MAC or QIC on or after August 1, 2015 and will not be applied retroactively. The new directive also only applies to post-payment reviews and not pre-payment reviews. You may view [the MLN Matters article](#) which outlines these new directives here. Questions? Contact Joe McTernan at jmcterna@AOPAnet.org or Devon Bernard at dbernard@AOPAnet.org

Register for the AOPAversity Webinar: Prior Authorization: How Does it Work?

September 9, 2015, 1:00-2:00 PM EST

Have you ever wondered why Medicare doesn't have a Prior Authorization Process? If Medicare did have a Prior Authorization process, what would it look like? Would prior authorization cure all my audit problems? Did you ever wonder why Medicare doesn't have a Prior Authorization Process? If Medicare did have a Prior Authorization process, what would it look like? Would prior authorization cure all my audit problems? Join AOPA for the September webinar "Prior Authorization: How Does it Work?" to learn the answers to all these questions and more as we review the proposed legislation that would implement prior authorization for orthotic and prosthetic service.

Topics for discussion will include the following:

- Learn the status of the Prior Authorization legislation
- Learn how the Prior Authorization Process could work
- Learn the pros and cons of the Prior Authorization process
- Learn about conditional payments



AOPA members pay \$99 (nonmembers pay \$199), and any number of employees may participate on a given line. Attendees earn 1.5 continuing education credits by returning the provided quiz within 30 days and scoring at least 80 percent. [Register online](#). Contact Ryan Gleeson at rgleeson@AOPAnet.org or 571/431-0876 with questions.

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During the 2015 National Assembly in San Antonio, AOPA will be hosting the 8th Annual Wine Tasting & Auction. Join the fun, the good cause, and add to the continued success of the Wine Tasting & Auction by donating something special today! Please take a look in your wine cellar for that special bottle or bottles of wine, which may be collecting dust, to consider as a donation for the 8th Annual Wine Tasting & Auction.

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Thomas Jefferson said: "**Good wine is a necessity of life for me.**" and you are a necessity for this event. We cannot make it happen without your help! This exciting event provides attendees with a unique opportunity to mingle, network, learn about and taste a variety of wines, but most importantly raise awareness of and funds for AOPA's Government Relations outreach.

Your special donations are what make this event unique and successful. Your attendance is what makes it fun! At this time we would like to thank the following individuals for their generous donations to the 8th Annual Wine Tasting & Auction:

- Rick Fleetwood
- Joe Martin

Thank you in advance and we look forward to seeing you at the 2015 National Assembly and the 8th Annual Wine Tasting & Auction!

Any questions about making a donation or the auction in general, contact Devon Bernard at dbernard@AOPAnet.org, or (571) 431-0854.

DME MAC Update Session at the National Assembly



Two representatives from each of the four DME MACs will be available in the exhibit hall to answer your questions throughout the AOPA National Assembly. Additionally they will participate in two separate panel discussions:

2013-2014 CERT Errors and Medicare Documentation Requirements Stacie McMichel, CERT Coordinator/Provider Outreach & Education Consultant Friday, October 9 ~ 2:00 - 3:15 PM

This session will discuss the most frequent documentation errors identified in an audit. Attendees will learn the difference between technical and complex medical review documentation errors, references to the applicable Medicare guidelines associated with the errors and receive tips on best practices to avoid and decrease repetitive errors on future claims. Jurisdiction specific announcements will also be provided

DME MAC Medicare Update Session - Saturday, October 10 ~ 11:00 - 11:30 AM

Representatives from the four DME MACs will outline recent Medicare updates and changes to the Medicare program that affect DMEPOS suppliers. Jurisdiction-specific announcements will also be provided and there will be time for questions at the end of the session.

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