



AMERICAN ORTHOTIC & PROSTHETIC ASSOCIATION

*In Case you Missed It:*

## **MONTHLY RECAP**

www.AOPAnet.org

February 2015

### **DME MAC Joint Publication on Proof of Delivery**

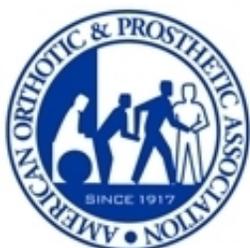
Read the Latest Take on DME MAC

The DME MACs recently released a [joint publication](#) that discussed the proper format for proof of delivery documentation to support Medicare claims. The joint publication indicated that medical reviewers have consistently seen a list of HCPCS codes and their descriptors used on proof of delivery documentation, especially for orthotic and prosthetic claims.

According to the DME MACs, this practice is not acceptable for proof of delivery purposes as it does not allow the medical reviewer to make a determination of what was billed and if it was coded correctly. Continue reading [here](#).

### **3-D Printing Reporting May Be Creating Unrealistic Expectations**

Reality of 3-D Printing



No question that 3-D printing technology will play a big role in many fields and orthotics and prosthetics will undoubtedly be one of them. One troubling aspect of current media coverage, however, is that the reported cost comparison of the low cost of upper limb 3-D devices (most of which presumably are developed at most, as investigational devices without full FDA compliance or approval for marketing) with the cost of the existing prosthetic devices, available with full regulatory compliance in the marketplace. Often the 3-D devices are cited as costing a few hundred dollars but then the 3-D device is contrasted with traditional O&P devices costing thousands, pegged by some media reports as high as \$80,000. Keep reading [here](#).

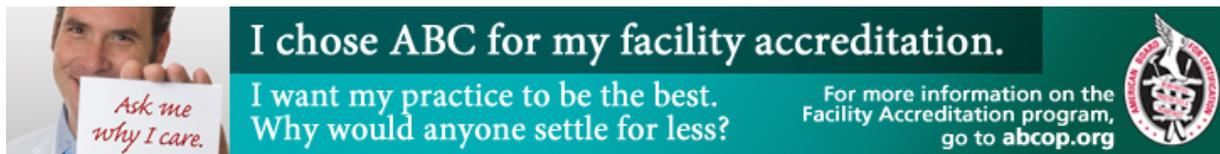
### **REGISTER FOR THE 2015 AOPA POLICY FORUM**

Come Make a Difference and Earn CE's with our Extended Education

The Policy Forum is your best opportunity to learn the latest legislative and regulatory happenings and how they will affect you, your business and your patients, and then educate our Members of Congress. The Policy Forum will also offer you additional learning opportunities on important, relevant topics, to earn up to 10.5 CEs.



Join us **March 23-25** at the Renaissance Hotel in Washington, DC. Learn more and register [here](#).



**I chose ABC for my facility accreditation.**

I want my practice to be the best.  
Why would anyone settle for less?

For more information on the Facility Accreditation program, go to [abcop.org](http://abcop.org)

## AOPA Announces 2015 RFP's

### Grant Topics Have Been Chosen for 2015

The American Orthotic & Prosthetic Association (AOPA), has unveiled its slate of 2015 Requests for Proposals (RFPs) inviting submissions for conducting Orthotic and Prosthetic (O&P) research. These research grants are each funded, in part or whole, by AOPA and research funding from the association has been awarded annually since 2009.

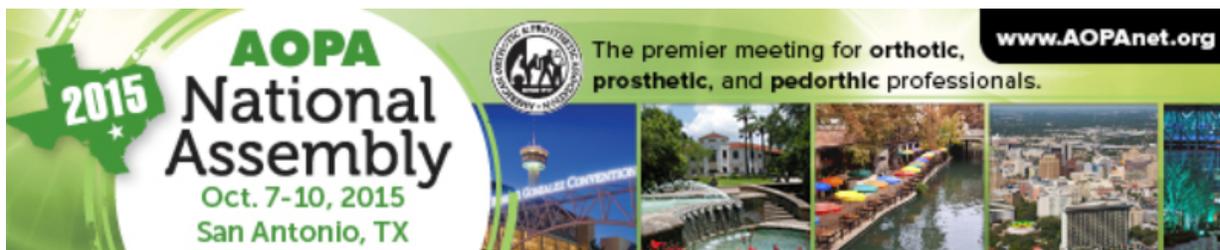
"AOPA is proud to make funds available to the best and the brightest researchers in the O&P field. Our patients depend on the care that we provide, and our ability to continue to offer the most effective therapies and technology to our patients is why we have made the advancement of further rigorous scientific research a signal priority of our association's support to our members" said Charles H. Dankmeyer, Jr., CPO, President of AOPA. Read more [here](#) and [here](#).

## Prosthetics 2020: An Invitation to AOPA Members

### The Future of O&P

Our profession has endured a veritable sea change in the past five years, impacting what prostheses and orthoses are available to our patients, as well as how and at what rate our services are paid for by payers. What do the next five years hold in store-what will prosthetics be like five years from now, and what can be done to permit us to help participate and shape that future?

It is clear that evidence, outcomes, and research are keystones. All three were front and center in last month's AOPA Futures Leadership Conference. A new program, initiated under the title, "Prosthetics 2020", is a collaborative effort to operate as an adjunct to AOPA's ongoing 'Survival Imperatives.' Prosthetics 2020 is a partnership open to interested companies who want to take a strong, proactive role in shaping the drivers of prosthetic patient care five years down the road. If you share a commitment to protect, fortify, and enhance the recognized, scientifically-substantiated value of prosthetic care in the minds of payers, patients and the general public, you will want to consider making an investment to be part of Prosthetics 2020. Learn more [here](#).



**2015 AOPA National Assembly**  
Oct. 7-10, 2015  
San Antonio, TX

The premier meeting for orthotic, prosthetic, and pedorthic professionals.

[www.AOPAnet.org](http://www.AOPAnet.org)

American Orthotic & Prosthetic Association  
330 John Carlyle St, Ste 200  
Alexandria, VA 22314

(571) 431-0876  
info@aopanet.org

[Forward this email](#)



This email was sent to tmoran@aopanet.org by [tmoran@aopanet.org](mailto:tmoran@aopanet.org) | [Update Profile/Email Address](#) | Rapid removal with [SafeUnsubscribe™](#) | [Privacy Policy](#).



American Orthotic & Prosthetic Association | 330 JOHN CARLYLE ST., SUITE 200 | ALEXANDRIA | VA | 22314