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## OGR Release Letter Criticizing the 2015 Proposed LCD

Culmination of Months-Long Effort Spearheaded by AOPA

The House Oversight and Government Reform (OGR) Committee released a letter it has initiated to HHS Secretary Sylvia Mathews Burwell, criticizing the prosthetic LCD efforts of CMS and its contractors, and launching an oversight inquiry with a request for a substantial collection of documents. [Read the letter.](#)

## Bill Introduced to Place Moratorium on Implementation of CMS' LCD Lower Limb Proposal

Would Impose Moratorium Until 2017 and Remove LCD from CMS & DMEMAC Websites

On April 25, Representative Ellmers (R-NC-02) introduced [HR 5045: Preserving Access to Modern Prosthetic Limbs Act of 2016](#). The bill is "to impose a moratorium on the implementation of a proposed Medicare local coverage determination on lower limb prostheses". The bill places a moratorium until June 30, 2017 on implementing the July 16, 2015 Local Coverage Determination (LCD): Lower Limb Prostheses (DL33787). The bill also would require that CMS and its contractors remove the policy from their websites, which is necessary because private payors (United Health Care and Cigna) have been adopting provisions included in the LCD. AOPA will keep you updated on any progress.



Rep. Ellmers at  
AOPA 2016 Policy  
Forum

## BOC Sunsets Applications for its Orthotist, Prosthetist, and Pedorthist Certifications

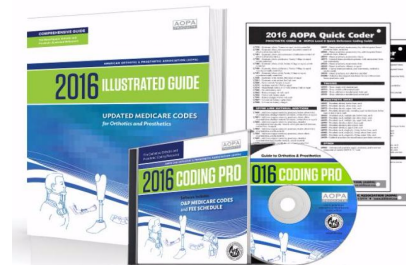
The decision will not impact current BOC-certified Orthotists, Prosthetists, and Pedorthists

The Board of Certification/Accreditation (BOC)'s Board of Directors recently approved a plan to sunset the acceptance of new applications for its orthotist (BOCO), prosthetist (BOCP), and pedorthist (BOCPD) certifications. The decision will lead to greater growth opportunities for the organization and streamline the professions' credentialing options. BOC will accept applications for the orthotist, prosthetist, and pedorthist credentials through July 31, 2016. [Read the press release and fact sheet.](#)

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## When Things Go Wrong: Making Lemonade out of Lemons

AOPA Webinar, May 11

On May 11, 1:00 pm EST, join AOPA for a one hour webinar and earn 1.5 CEs, while learning about how to make the best of frustrating and potentially costly situations. During this webinar, participants will learn what to do in the following scenarios:

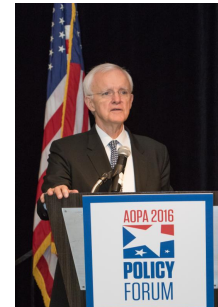
- A patient refuses an item/service
- A patient returns an item
- You have a disgruntled patient
- Learn about other instances of when things don't go as planned, and how you can make the best out of each situation

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## 2016 Policy Forum was the "Best Ever"

\$15,000 Grants Offered

The initial feedback has been very positive! 135 O&P professionals, students, and patients more than 350 meetings with their legislators on the Hill to discuss the recently introduced LCD Moratorium bill, Wounded Warrior Enhancement Act, the O&P Improvements Act, competitive bidding, and the bill written by participants, The Prosthetic And Orthotic Care Modernization Act. [Read our recap.](#)



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