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O&P NEWS

High Impact for AOPA's Public Relations and Advocacy: AOPA's First-Ever TV Ad Message, Released Jointly with the Amputee Coalition, and Available for You to View

State budget problems have put the major squeeze on state budgets, and in turn, in several states Medicaid is one of the key areas that Governors and legislatures are targeting for savings. **AOPA** has worked on with members in multiple states, including California, Arizona, and Nevada, which have considered or are considering elimination of orthotic and/or prosthetic coverage for Medicaid beneficiaries over the age of 21. Others states are considering broader reforms-shifting all Medicaid to managed care. There are federal proposals to shift Medicaid to block grants with no parameters on what care needs to be included. All of these options threaten O&P businesses and the patients we serve.

AOPA has committed to sending politicians a strong national message to underscore the devastating real-world impact of these proposed Medicaid cuts to individual patients with limb loss or chronic limb impairment. This week, **AOPA** is promoting to stations around the country a new public service announcement, [AOPA's first ever TV ad](#), that visually portrays the heart-rending message of lost mobility. We hope that it hammers home to ordinary citizens the message, "I knew the economy is bad, and that our states have been in serious budgetary crisis...I just didn't know that things have gotten SO BAD that states are talking about taking artificial limbs away from amputees!" The ad, which was funded by **AOPA** and released jointly by **AOPA** and the Amputee Coalition, is now posted on the **AOPA** website, and will hopefully be picked up in placements by major cable channels across the country.

Additionally, **AOPA** is hosting the video online at <http://www.LimbsAreEssential.org> and **AOPA** has created a "Take Action" advocacy page where anyone who wants to support O&P may send a letter to their state and federal legislators, urging them to join the fight to protect these vulnerable citizens with mobility impairments.

[Click here to view the LimbsAreEssential.org site and PSA.](#)

AOPA has also posted behind-the-scenes pictures of the production of the PSA for members to be able to see the hard work that went into this commercial by actor John Siciliano and **AOPA's** PR production partner The PlowShare Group. Those pictures are available [here](#), [here](#), [here](#), and [here](#).

And **AOPA** wants to remind members that they are free to recommend the [LimbsAreEssential.org](http://www.LimbsAreEssential.org) site patients or colleagues or friends who are angered by irresponsible Medicaid cuts direct them to the site where they can send a letter to their state and federal legislators, urging them to join the fight to protect these vulnerable citizens with mobility impairments.

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O&P Medicare Improvements Act Introduced in U.S. House of Representatives

On May 24, Reps. Shelley Berkley (D-NV) and Glenn Thompson (R-PA) introduced H.R. 1958, the

Medicare O&P Improvements Act of 2011. This legislation, if enacted into law, would accomplish two very important things: (1) it would improve the quality of care to orthotic and prosthetic patients by assuring that providers have appropriate qualifications to give these patients the top notch care they deserve; and (2) it would also save the Medicare program at least \$250 million over the next five years by significantly reducing fraud and abuse, largely arising from untrained charlatans and crooks who prey on our patients. H.R. 1958 would accomplish these objectives using three steps: (1) In licensure states - only reimbursing those properly licensed. In non-licensure states - reimbursement is limited to only those credentialed by a recognized body that meets ABC or BOC standards. (2) It limits deemed accrediting bodies to those experienced in O&P that meet BIPA 427 criteria. (3) Links reimbursement to the qualifications of the provider and the complexity of the device the patient needs.

[Click here to read H.R. 1958, the Medicare O&P Improvements Act of 2011.](#)

Senator Jay Rockefeller (D-WV) has committed to introduce a Senate companion to H.R. 1958, so for the first time, we will have this bill introduced in both Houses of Congress. **AOPA** is working with Senator Rockefeller on identifying a Senate Republican to join as a lead sponsor to demonstrate the bipartisan nature of this effort. As folks familiar with federal Medicare issues can attest, it is very unusual to see a specific bill such as this get enacted into law as a stand-alone piece of legislation. However, it is no surprise that this Congress is spending a huge amount of time talking about budget and debt limit-related issues. We believe that in this environment, a bill such as ours which would generate a budget savings while doing something good for patients, has a decent prospect of being picked up as part of a larger Medicare bill.

Thanks to Reps. Berkley, Thompson, the other House co-sponsors and Senator Rockefeller along with **AOPA's** lobbying team for getting all the winds aligned behind getting this bill introduced and moving it forward.

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AOPA's Second Coding & Billing Seminar of 2011: June 16-17 in San Antonio

Don't miss out on the second Coding & Billing seminar of 2011 on June 16-17 at the [Marriott Rivercenter](#) in San Antonio, Texas. Be sure to register early and take advantage of the early bird registration savings and the special low room rate of \$159 per night.

At this seminar, **AOPA** experts will 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 and your colleagues and much more. This two day event will feature break-out sessions for both practitioners and office staff.

In the breakout session Practitioners will cover:

- General Coding Principles
- "Hands on" coding of specific devices
- Proper coding for repairs and adjustments
- Reimbursement for unlisted codes
- Codes that are mutually exclusive and should not be billed together

In the breakout session Administrators will cover:

- Updated Quality and Supplier Standards
- Strategies for handling appeals and denials
- How to handle unique billing situations
- Documentation Requirements
- Medicare as Secondary Payer

[Click here to register for the San Antonio Coding & Billing Seminar.](#)

[Click here to reserve your room at the San Antonio Marriott Rivercenter and take advantage of the low rate Coding & Billing rate of \\$159 per night.](#)

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Office of the Inspector General Studying Medicare Payments for Prosthetics and Custom Fabricated Orthotics

The Office of the Inspector General (OIG) for the Department of Health and Human Services is in the process of performing a national survey intended to determine if Medicare payments for prosthetic devices and custom fabricated orthotic devices were made to practitioners and suppliers who met Federal qualification requirements at the time the services were delivered.

The evaluation is listed as part of the OIG's 2011 workplan and is being conducted on a national basis through its Kansas City, Missouri office. The OIG is sending a cover letter and a 7 question survey to DMEPOS suppliers that are chosen to participate in the evaluation. Question 2 of the survey asks, "Was the device fabricated by an Individual or a Supplier Organization. Unless your company is legally established as a sole proprietorship, the correct answer to this question is that the device was fabricated by "Supplier organization." It is **AOPA's** understanding that you are not required to report the name of a central fabrication company or manufacturer in response to this question.

If you receive correspondence from the OIG, you are required to complete and return the survey along with any additional documentation that is requested no later than the date indicated in the cover letter. Failure to respond may result in the subpoena of the information requested.

AOPA members should remember that this is an evaluation process that the OIG is using to determine if non-qualified individuals or organizations are being improperly reimbursed for Medicare covered O&P services, and not a specific audit focused on the individual practices of your organization.

If you have any concerns about the process or if you have questions regarding how to properly respond to the survey should you receive one, please contact Joe McTernan at jmcternan@AOPAnet.org or Devon Bernard at dbernard@AOPAnet.org.

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RAC Audit Activity Continues to Increase

The Medicare Recovery Audit Contractors (RACs) are increasing their audit activity involving Medicare O&P claims. **AOPA** has received an increasing number of reports from members regarding RAC audits in all four DME MAC jurisdictions. While the RACs may focus their audit activity on any number of subjects, the most prevalent areas that they seem to be focused on include:

- Proper documentation of the assignment of prosthetic functional levels
- Billing for inappropriate addition codes on a preparatory prosthesis
- Services delivered in a hospital or SNF setting that were inappropriately billed to the DME MAC
- Billing for more than one type of suspension for a single prosthesis
- Documentation to support the provision of therapeutic shoes, as outlined in the Therapeutic Shoe medical policy

It is important to remember that the findings of a RAC audit may be appealed by the provider. If you disagree with the conclusion of the RAC audit, you should be prepared to defend your claim by going through the entire appeal process, up to and including a hearing before an Administrative Law Judge. **AOPA** has already identified several instances where RACs have attempted to recoup payments for prosthetic services delivered to a patient in a Medicare Part A covered SNF stay. In these scenarios, the codes in question are clearly exempt from SNF PPS and were appropriately billed to the DME MAC.

If you receive a RAC overpayment letter and you believe that the claims were appropriately paid by the DME MAC, please contact Joe McTernan at jmcternan@AOPAnet.org or Devon Bernard at dbernard@AOPAnet.org.

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Jurisdiction C DME MAC Adjusting Erroneous Claim Denials

AOPA has recently received several reports of claim denials in Jurisdiction C involving claims for prosthetic services delivered during a Medicare Part A covered Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) stay. The HCPCS codes that were improperly denied are identified as exempt from SNF PPS and therefore were properly billed to the DME MAC. **AOPA** reported its findings to the Jurisdiction C DME MAC Medical Director and he has acknowledged that the claims were denied improperly as a result of a system edit that was implemented in error. He has informed **AOPA** that the denied claims will be automatically re-processed and those that should have been paid will be. While no further action on your part should be necessary, if you believe you have claims that were denied incorrectly that were not re-processed in a reasonable amount of time, contact **AOPA** for additional assistance. If you have questions or please contact Joe McTernan at jmcternan@AOPAnet.org or Devon Bernard at dbernard@AOPAnet.org.

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AOPA Announces the Hiring of a Director of Regulatory Affairs

AOPA is proud to announce the addition of Catherine Olin Graf, Esquire as the Director of Regulatory Affairs, a newly created position. This position has been created in response to the fact that during the next several years, CMS and other federal agencies will be creating huge volumes of new health care regulations in order to implement the new health care reform law. The addition of Ms. Graf will enable **AOPA** to have a stronger pro-active presence with CMS, as well as a talented health policy expert to assist in assuring that **AOPA**'s voice is heard on the key rulemaking records.

Catherine received her J.D. from the Columbus School of Law at the Catholic University of America in Washington D.C. From 2007 until 2009 she served as a law clerk at the U.S. Court of Federal Claims and since September 2009 has been a General Attorney in the Office of General Counsel of the Department of Health and Human Services. During her time at HHS, Catherine provided legal advice to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services and was recipient of CMS' Administrator's Special Citation Award for her role on the Medicare Administrator Contracts Corrective Team.

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Update from California on O&P in 2011-2012 Budget Process

In 2010 **AOPA** aided the efforts of the California Orthotics and Prosthetics Association (COPA) opposing proposals that sought to eliminate O&P benefits provided by Medi-Cal, the state's Medicaid program. The budget policy was offered by then-Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger and that provision was ultimately discarded. COPA has been monitoring the budget situation for the FY 2011-2012 budget process, paying special attention to the proposals being offered by California's current Governor, Jerry Brown. **AOPA** was alerted to some positive news by COPA's Executive Director and

Lobbyist Bryce Docherty:

The ongoing COPA advocacy campaign to spare Medi-Cal O&P benefit cuts scored another victory as Gov. Brown releases the budget "May Revise."

California unexpectedly received a surge from income tax revenue in April. This ongoing surge is estimated to generate a surprising \$6.6 billion in unexpected revenue. As a result, the dreaded "all cuts" budget has been shelved and O&P benefits have been spared for enrollees in the Medi-Cal Program.

The main impact from the "May Revise" on O&P providers will be a transfer of all the California Health Family Program enrollees into Medi-Cal managed care arrangements. Such a move will require a federal waiver. This shift is in addition to previous Medi-Cal enrollee limits approved by the Legislature in February, which includes caps on physician office visits and mandatory co-payments. Lastly, O&P providers are still subject to the 10 percent provider rate cut in the Medi-Cal Program adopted as part of the 2008-2009 budget deal.

Going forward, Brown and the Legislature will pare down their forthcoming ballot initiative asking voters to approve some combination of extensions on sales, vehicle and income taxes.

The Legislature has until June 15th to approve a budget for 2011-2012. All indications are that the possibility of meeting that deadline is coming into focus as the current budget year deficit has fallen to \$9.6 billion from \$15 billion.

[Click here for information on the "May Revise."](#)

AOPA will keep members updated as to any news from California about the 2011-2012 budget that affects O&P.

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O&P PAC Corner

The O&P PAC Corner provides updates on the activities of the O&P PAC, including the names of individuals who have made recent donations to the O&P PAC and the names of candidates the O&P PAC has supported.

The O&P PAC recently received donations from the following **AOPA** members (Due to publishing deadlines this list was created on 5/24/2011 and includes only donations received between 5/12/2011 and 5/24/2011. Any donations received on or after 5/24/2011 will be published in the next issue of the AIA):

- Robert Arbogast
- David Falk, CPO
- Sam E. Hamontree, CP
- Steve Hamontree, CPO
- Jon & Ellen Leimkuehler, CPO, FAAOP
- Terry Lee Shaw, BOCPO, CPO, FAAOP
- H.E. Thranhardt, CPO(E)
- Loretta Thranhardt

The purpose of the O&P PAC is to advocate for legislative or political interests at the federal level, which have an impact on the orthotic and prosthetic community. The O&P PAC achieves this goal by working closely with members of the House and Senate to educate them about the issues, and help elect those individuals who support the orthotic and prosthetic community.

In order to participate in and receive information about the O&P PAC, federal law mandates that you must first sign an authorization form.

[Click here to view and sign an O&P PAC authorization form.](#)

Questions? Contact Devon Bernard at dbernard@AOPAnet.org or (571) 431-0854, or Joe McTernan at jmcternan@AOPAnet.org or (571) 431-0811.

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Join AOPA for the June 8 Audio Conference "Preventing Audit Disasters"

Having your claims audited can be a stressful and intimidating experience. Small errors or omissions can cost even the most compliant providers valuable assets due to refund requests and further audits. The June 8, 2011 **AOPA**versity Mastering Medicare Audio Conference entitled Preventing Audit Disasters will help you understand how to minimize the impact of claim audits on your organization. Topics for discussion include:

- Proper documentation techniques
- How to respond to an audit request
- Techniques to minimize potential exposure during an audit
- Correcting errors that are discovered during an audit
- Development of internal audit techniques

The cost of participating \$99 per line for **AOPA** members (\$199 for nonmembers) and any number of employees may listen on a given line. Listeners can earn 1.5 continuing education credits by returning the provided quiz within 30 days and scoring at least 80 percent. Contact Devon Bernard at dbernard@AOPAnet.org or (571) 431-0854 with content questions.

[Click here to register online.](#)

Questions? Contact Ann Davis at adavis@AOPAnet.org or (571) 431-0876.

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Complete the 2011 Operating Performance and Compensation/Benefits Reports Today!

Watch for the *2011 Operating Performance Compensation and Benefits Report* survey questionnaire that should have been received by now. By completing the questionnaire you automatically reserve your FREE copy of the survey, your customized *Company Report* and you obtain an opportunity for a one-to-one consultation with one of **AOPA's** consulting at experts, Industry Insights.

Industry Insights has conducted this survey for almost a decade and has a wealth of experience in analyzing the data and providing "top performer" comparisons with your own performance. The lessons learned can be invaluable to your management decision making process and represents the most useful benchmarking information available in the O&P field.

Remember - all data is absolutely confidential and no one from **AOPA** or any other entity sees the data except the Industry Insight consultants who are bound by a strict confidentiality agreement.

So why would you as a member pay \$295 (\$425 for non-members) for this "must have" information when you can get your own free copy along with your *Company Report* which analyzes your business and qualifies you for the personal consultation.

There are three ways to participate - (1) Complete the hard copy survey questionnaire and return it to Industry Insights; (2) Go online to www.AOPA-Survey.com for the convenient "save and return" way of

Industry Insights, (2) Go online to www.AOPASurvey.com for the convenient, safe and return way of providing your data; or (3) Send your financial statements to Industry Insights and they will enter your data.

AOPA and Industry Insights conduct the Operating Performance Report survey every year. In the odd number years such as this year, the Report is expanded to include the operating data plus the all important compensation and benefits information. This is the year for reporting the entire package which makes it even more persuasive to participate and get the full benefit of your free report, analysis and personal consultation.

Leading this project are **AOPA** members chaired by Mike Hamontree including Candy Carlson, Craig Wright, Jim Weber and Bob Leimkuehler joined by Industry Insight experts, Scott Hackworth and Michael Becher.

If you have any questions about how you can participate in this year's survey, contact Steven Rybicki at srybicki@AOPAnet.org or (571) 431-0835.

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2011 National Assembly News: New Video! Ultra-Low, \$135 Per Night Room Rates! And Registration is Open!

Check out [AOPA's brand new 2011 National Assembly advertisement](#) and mark your calendars now for the American Orthotic and Prosthetic Association's 94th National Assembly September 19-22, 2011! If you are involved in O&P research or the delivery of O&P care and services-don't miss this chance to join your colleagues in Las Vegas, Nevada, at the country's largest and most prestigious O&P meeting. Registration is now open for the September 19-22 meeting.

[Click here to register now!](#)

The comprehensive programming and energized atmosphere of the Scientific Sessions provides cutting-edge education and information for all members of the O&P community-orthotists, prosthetists, pedorthists, physicians, scientists, researchers, technicians, managers, business owners, office staff, nurses, nurse practitioners, podiatrists, and other health care professionals. And you won't want to miss the business management sessions headlined by the Sam E. Hamontree, CP, Award-winning lecture.

AOPA has secured a room rate of \$135 per night for the 2011 National Assembly. That's right, \$135: it's not an optical illusion - it's the Mirage room rate for this year's assembly. Don't miss this opportunity to enjoy AAA Four Diamond luxury for the fantastic room rate of only \$135 per night.

Science, Business, Fantastic Networking Opportunities and an incredible \$135 per night room rate at the Mirage Resort, September 19-22, 2011. To reserve your room today call (800) 627-6667 or (702) 791-7111 and mention the **AOPA** registration code "AOPMB." You can also reserve a room online by [clicking here](#).

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O&P RESOURCES FROM AOPA

Audio from AOPA's 2011 Policy Forum Panels and Presentations Now Online

Attendees of the Policy Forum spent the first day of the meeting in education sessions presented by experts in O&P legislative policy and advocacy. **AOPA** is making audio presentations from all the sessions available to members. Presentations from the 2011 Policy Forum include:

- Former Congressman Earl Pomeroy (D-ND) and former Congressman Scott Klug (R-WI) discussing issues related to the budget and debt ceiling;
- Laurence Wilson, Director, Chronic Care Policy Group, Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services speaking about CMS fraud and abuse initiatives;
- An update on federal legislative issues and the health care reform law implementation with Peter Thomas, Esquire of NAAOP, Kendra Calhoun and Sue Stout of the Amputee Coalition, **AOPA** Executive Director Thomas Fise, Esquire and Stephanie Kennan of **AOPA's** legislative counsel Alston & Bird;
- A legislative workshop for "state reps" on dealing with Medicaid cuts, licensure, and parity;
- A primer on persuasive advocacy from **AOPA** lobbyist Kevin Brennan, Esquire of the Foley-Hoag law firm;
- And an update on **AOPA's** research and education funding efforts from Catriona Macdonald of Linchpin Strategies.

[Click here to download and listen to the Policy Forum sessions.](#)

And as a reminder, the handouts that comprised the leave-behind materials distributed during visits to legislative offices can be downloaded at any time by [clicking here](#).

Finally, click here to see [AOPA's talking points](#) created for use by members in their advocacy outreach.

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2011 AOPA Coding Products Now Available

Don't get caught with out of date coding references. Update your **AOPA** coding products today. The 2011 **AOPA** coding products are now available through the **AOPA** bookstore and may be ordered by calling the AOPA Bookstore at (571) 431-0876, or by [downloading the 2011 Product Catalogue](#) and faxing your order to (571) 431-0899.

The 2011 *Illustrated Guide*, *Quick Coder* and *Coding Pro* include all of the newly released HCPCS codes that describe O&P items. **In addition, the 2011 Coding Pro contains a new, interactive glossary that allows you to click on selected terms within a code descriptor and immediately view the O&P based definition of the selected term.**

As an added bonus, if you purchase all three **AOPA** coding products at the same time, you will receive a bundled discount of \$50 off the regular retail price of the three items as sold separately.

AOPA's Coding products have long been considered the definitive coding resources for the O&P industry. Make sure yours are current and up to date!

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Check Out the AOPA Job Board for New Opportunities in O&P

If you need a position filled at your business or are interested in looking at other job possibilities within the O&P field, check out the [AOPA Online Job Board](#). The online job board sports a freshly updated look and an easy-to-navigate profile creation system.

In the past month the Job Board has been viewed over 8,000 times by more than 1,500 unique users. If you want people to find out about a job opening at your facility or are interested in posting your

resume for employers to view for potential openings, visit the [AOPA Online Job Board](#) today.

And remember: if you advertise on the Online Job Board and decide to also advertise in the *O&P Almanac*, then you'll receive a 5 percent discount on the cost of advertising in the *Almanac* and on the Job Board.

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The 2011 Audio Conference Series from AOPA

Numerous offices have benefited from their participation in **AOPA's** Medicare Audio Conferences. These one hour sessions come to you in the comfort of your office on the second Wednesday of each month at 1:00 pm Eastern. This series provides an outstanding opportunity for you and your staff to stay abreast of the latest hot topics in O&P, as well as gain clarification and ask questions on topics that you may not understand as fully as you would like to.

Seminars are still priced at just \$99 per line for members (\$199 for non-members). Buy the series and get two free; members pay just \$990 and non-members pay \$1990. If you purchase all the conferences, all conferences from months prior to your purchase of the set will be sent to you as CDs.

These convenient one hour telephone seminars are designed to fit easily into your busy schedule. Any practitioners needing credit can get 1.5 per audio conference by returning the provided quiz within 30 days and scoring at least 80%. Billing staff and others who don't need credit can nonetheless gain information they will use right away. The topics for 2011 are:

- January 12: How to Meet the New Medicare Supplier Standards (Available on CD)
- Feb. 9: Using the Lower Limb Medical Policy to Your Advantage (Available on CD)
- March 9: Enhance Your Claims Success, Two Letters at a Time (Available on CD)
- April 13: Improving Clinical Documentation (Available on CD)
- May 11: Which Box to Check? The Negative Effect of the 855S on Reimbursement (Available on CD)
- June 8: Preventing Audit Disasters
- July 13: Don't Rile the OSHA Police
- August 10: How to Get Paid for Miscellaneous and Repair Codes
- September 14: Don't Run Afoul of the KO Rules
- October 12: Developing Your Medicare Billing Compliance Plan
- November 9: Happy Holidays: Kickbacks and Gifts in O&P
- December 14: Are You Ready for the New Year? 2012 New Codes and Policies

[Click here to register for any 2011 Audio Conference.](#)

If you miss an audio conference, it will be available on CD after the fact. Cost is the same as if you participate live (\$99/\$199). We hope you'll be able to join us for this year's series.

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The Only Up-to-the Minute O&P Newsline

People in the News

Nick Ackerman, CP, Director of Prosthetics at [American Prosthetics and Orthotics](#) (APO, Inc.) was featured on NBC's [Today Show](#) for his accomplishments, including his wrestling championship

being named one of the 25 defining sports moments in the NCAA's history and Nick's service and dedications to his patients.

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Businesses in the News

The [American Board for Certification in Orthotics, Prosthetics and Pedorthics, Inc.](#) (ABC) congratulated the [National Commission on Orthotic and Prosthetic Education](#) (NCOPE) on its 20 year anniversary.

[The Amputee Coalition](#) (The AC) thanked [WillowWood](#) for becoming a Lodestone sponsor of the Amputee Coalition's Paddy Rossbach Youth Camp for 2011. The Lodestone sponsorship represents a financial commitment of \$14,100 to the camp for its programs and activities. The youth camp is a 5-day traditional summer camp experience for children ages 10-17 who have lost an arm or leg or were born with limb differences. The AC also announced that it has been selected to receive a \$1,500 grant from the Build-A-Bear Workshop® Bear Hugs Foundation.

The [Orthotic & Prosthetic Assistance Fund](#) (OPAF) announced that [Prosthetic & Orthotic Associates](#) (POA) will be the sponsoring host of three First Clinics at the upcoming [Amputee Coalition](#) conference in Kansas City.

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Send Us Your News!

The next **AOPA** *in Advance* will arrive in your inbox on June 14. So if you have a new employee or a new office, tell us! Share your news with the over 15,000 readers of the *O&P Almanac* and **AOPA** *In Advance* newsletter. Contact Steven Rybicki at srybicki@AOPAnet.org

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