

Medicare Orthotics and Prosthetics (O&P) Improvement Act

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People with limb loss deserve care provided by qualified providers

Ensuring people with limb loss and limb difference have access to the best possible prosthetic and custom orthotic care means making certain care is delivered by qualified providers.

Prosthetic and custom orthotic devices are NOT Durable Medical Equipment (DME)

Appropriate prosthetic and orthotic care helps people thrive, providing people unmatched mobility and independence to live the life they choose. External prosthetic and custom orthotic devices should be categorized like internal prostheses, not grouped with DME products like crutches, canes and walkers.

The Amputee Coalition Supports:

- Adoption of a final regulation for BIPA 427 to ensure only qualified providers are able to provide O&P care
- Removing prosthetic and custom orthotic devices from the DME category to distinguish the unique rehabilitative nature of these devices in comparison to DME supplies
- Enacting the remaining provisions of the Medicare O&P Improvement Act regulating qualified providers, believing this will address concerns of fraud and abuse and improve care for people with limb loss and limb difference

Previous Progress

The February 2018 Continuing Resolution requires recognition of prosthetist's and orthotist's notes in a patient's medical record. This ensures the medical record documents details from the clinicians most knowledgeable about the care and devices that help improve mobility and independence.