

WE PETITION THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION TO:

Rescind the Medicare proposal restricting access to prosthetic limbs and returning amputees to 1970's standards of care.

White House Response Update 11/02/15:

An updated response to your petition on a Medicare local coverage determination:

A couple weeks ago, we passed along an initial response to your petition. Today, there's more to say. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) -- the relevant body within the federal government responsible for addressing this issue -- announced that the Durable Medical Equipment Medicare Administrative Contractors (DME MACs) will not finalize the draft Lower Limb Prostheses Local Coverage Determination (LCD) (DL33787) at this time. [You can read the official announcement here.](#) Here's what else they'd like you to know:

CMS is committed to providing high quality care to all Medicare beneficiaries, including any beneficiary in need of a prosthesis. Both CMS and its contractors have heard your concerns about access to prostheses for Medicare beneficiaries.

After a preliminary review of the public comments, CMS is convening a multidisciplinary Lower Limb Prostheses Interagency Workgroup (Workgroup) in 2016. The purpose of the Workgroup is to develop a consensus statement that informs Medicare policy by reviewing the available clinical evidence that defines best practices in the care of beneficiaries who require lower limb prostheses. The Workgroup will be comprised of clinicians, researchers, and policy specialists from different federal agencies. The Workgroup may also identify areas where evidence gaps exist related to the prescription of lower extremity prostheses, and make recommendations concerning the study designs and outcome measures that best inform patient oriented function, quality of life, and service satisfaction in this realm. CMS will ensure there is opportunity for public comment and engagement on the Workgroup consensus statement and any related activities.

The federal government looks forward to working with the public to ensure appropriate access to prostheses.

Thanks so much for raising your voice around this issue -- and for your continued advocacy around it.
The We the People Team