

It's Time to Change Medicare's Classification of Podiatrists

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Currently, DPMs are classified as (r)(3) providers, which limits their ability to provide certain types of care and be reimbursed by Medicare for their services. A legislative change to classify DPMs in the same category as allopathic and osteopathic physicians (MDs/DOs) (r)(1) would bring many advantages to the medical field, patients, and the healthcare system. One of the key advantages of this change would be the ability of DPMs to provide some services restricted to physicians in the (r)(1) classification. Currently, (r)(3) classification restricts some of the treatments that podiatrists can provide, limiting their ability to fully address the healthcare needs of their patients.



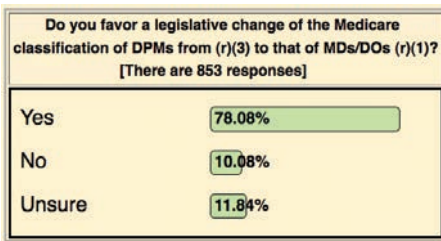
This reclassification would also achieve one of the main objectives of the proposed HELLPP Act in that it would allow podiatrists to treat Medicaid patients in all states. Reclassifying DPMs as (r)(1) places them in the appropriate category based on their comparable training to allopathic and osteopathic physicians.

If you agree (as the overwhelming majority do), it's time to urge our leaders to push for this long-needed legislation.

Respectfully Submitted,

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