

### The Independent O&P Battle Plan

Representing more than 1,200 independent orthotic and prosthetic facilities in the United States, OPGA has an unparalleled stake in the continuation and strengthening of the independent practice of Orthotics and Prosthetics. To begin the fight, OPGA has introduced UniteOandP, a Coalition for the Preservation of Orthotic and Prosthetic care.

OPGA has devoted extensive time, resources and effort toward identifying the roots of our challenges and developing the means to effectively protect the O&P profession, with goals of:

- Bring more accountability and transparency to current Medicare audit programs by ensuring auditors have financial penalties for claims that are audited and overturned on appeal.
- Ensure claim recoupments cannot be made until after full adjudication of appeals process.
- Work to create a binding prior authorization system for custom prosthetics to ensure devices for Medicare beneficiaries are deemed medically necessary prior to spending thousands of dollars on componentry.
- Engaging amputees, family members, physicians, physical therapists and others to join independent O&P practitioners in educating elected officials about the negative impact audits are having on patient care for amputees.

We have developed a package of tools to help those that are willing to get involved. Please check out the sample letters to Congress and your grassroots lobby toolkit and sign up to help protect the future of independent O&Ps.

**UNITE WITH US TODAY!**