

Summary of Actions Taken
State Board of Orthotics, Prosthetics, and Pedorthics
Board Meeting of June 8, 2011

This summary of Board actions and related items reflects information reported to and/or discussed by the Board at its June 2011 meeting. Please be aware that some of this information is based on meeting minutes not yet approved by the Board. [Approved Board meeting minutes](#) constitute the formal record of Board actions. Please [contact the Board office](#) (Board Director) for further information regarding any item of particular interest to you.

→ **LICENSING** - [for online real-time license status verification, click to: opp.ohio.gov]

The following **new license actions were approved** and/or reported:

<u>Approved/Issued</u>		
Steve Beeley	LO.301	TEMP
Anthony McDonald	LP.256	
Andrew Domb	LPO.295	
Thomas Shaw	LPED.210	TEMP
Eric Shaw	LPED.209	TEMP
<u>Upgraded</u>		
Brian Angell	LO.293	

→ **Rule Development – Medicaid Reimbursement for Cranial Remolding Orthotic Devices**

The Board is sometimes called upon by other state agencies addressing profession-specific practice, device or reimbursement issues within their jurisdictions, and our most frequent correspondence partners in this role are in the Office of Ohio Health Plans Policy, Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (Ohio Medicaid). We were recently asked to comment on proposed language for cranial banding devices, and were able to recruit an ad hoc task force of practitioners and association members from around the state to offer effective and focused technical assistance in this regard. For example, consider this part of a comment in [a set of changes the Board offered](#) and which have been significantly incorporated in the language put forth for adoption:

. . . we believe it may be useful to indicate the different medical presentations for which remolding helmetry is indicated, as the metrics that inform the different diagnoses and treatment options differ accordingly. We have suggested certain changes in this section from that perspective. Surgery is generally indicated for synostotic type, and generally not indicated for non-synostotic type. Different materials may be utilized depending on type and presentation, but we do not believe it would be helpful to ODJFS' process to detail material specifications.

The Board appreciates the effort and expertise offered by the following licensee practitioners and/or members of the Ohio Orthotic and Prosthetic Association: Daniel Cole, LO.207, [Cole Orthotic Pediatric Center](#), Toledo; William Kondik, LPO.59, [Yanke Bionics](#), Mansfield; Nick Igel, LO.260, [Hanger Orthotics and Prosthetics](#), Columbus; and no honorable mention list would be complete without noting the contributions of Ted Ryder, LO.118, [Hanger Orthotics and Prosthetics](#) (fka The Brace Shop), Cincinnati, who

years ago laid the foundation for Ohio's O&P Providers' cooperative and professional relationship with Ohio Medicaid policy staff.

To review the Board's formal suggestions to Ohio Medicaid, [click here](#).

→ **GUIDANCE DOCUMENT APPROVED – REGULATED ORTHOTIC DEVICES**

The Board office has been fielding an increasing number of inquiries from DME providers seeking to understand where their product lines fall in the distinction between regulated, custom fitted devices reserved for licensed dispensation, and those items which may be safely dispensed "as is" off-the-shelf and with little to no individualized fitting or customization. Last year's revision and update of the OPP Practice Act's [Device and Scope of Practice Definitions rule](#) provided better clarification of device types, characteristics and regulatory treatment. It also allowed us to develop a rubric and procedure for the Board to make a finding as to whether any particular device is regulated. If regulated, a device is reserved for license-appropriate dispensation; if unregulated, not so reserved. The [new guidance](#), based on statutory and regulatory language, nationally-recognized expert opinion (the [AOPA-ABC-AAOP Tripartite Report](#)) and practitioner knowledge and evaluation, replaces guidance originally issued in 2005. A special note of thanks is offered to licensee Brian Weaver, LPO.203, [American Orthopedics](#), Columbus, who has consulted closely in the development and content of the substantive analysis underpinning this endeavor. To review the Orthotic Device regulatory guidance document with references attached, [click here](#).

→ **BOARD SERVICE – THREE "SEATS" SCHEDULED FOR APPOINTMENT OR RE-APPOINTMENT**

Members of the State Board of Orthotics, Prosthetics, and Pedorthics are appointed by the Governor for terms lasting three years; term origination/expiration dates land on December 6th every year. At the present time, three members' seats are scheduled for appointment consideration this year, as the incumbents are currently in their first terms. A member can serve two consecutive 3-year terms, but the governor is not obligated to re-appoint an incumbent. Two practitioner seats and the consumer's spot are up for re-appointment or new appointment. Board members are reimbursed for mileage and parking for Board business, but are otherwise not financially compensated. Anyone interested in serving must apply directly with the Governor's office. [Click here](#). The Board office would appreciate receiving a courtesy copy of any application submitted.

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