

Board Actions Since Last Meeting

August 29

GAC Slate. The proposed GAC slate of David Wysocki, Paul Manuel Aviles Baker, and John Allan Brabyn was approved.

September 9

Comment to CMS on LCD. The Executive Committee, acting on behalf of the Board, approved the sending and content of a 21-page letter prepared by the GAC to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services regarding the final Local Coverage Determination (LCD) on Powered Mobility Devices.

September 11

Advertisement About LCD. The Executive Committee approved the GAC recommendation of becoming a signatory to the advertisement prepared by the advocacy group, ITEM (Independence Through Enhancement of Medicare and Medicaid), to appear next week in the Capitol Hill newspaper Roll Call.

September 12

Letter Regarding ATP Status in NJ. The Board approved the letter, recommended by GAC and strengthened by the RESNA attorney, to the NJ Board of Physical Therapy Examiners in opposition of their ban on “unauthorized credentials” for NJ physical therapists.

September 15

Letter of Support for CAESOR. The Executive Committee approved a letter of support for the CAESOR Program, activities proposed by the University of Pittsburgh that will identify and mentor a group of PhD candidates in rehab engineering with a research orientation. RESNA will provide space just prior to its 2008 annual conference for a 1 ½-day development program and a workshop during the conference.

October 9

Signatory to CCD Letter to CMS. The Executive Committee approved the GAC recommendation to have RESNA become a signatory to the letter by Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities (CCD) to CMS expressing concern about the Administration's plans to clarify allowable services that can be claimed as rehabilitation services and assign almost \$2.3 billion in savings over five years to these changes.