

## PUBLIC COMMENTS SUMMARY

### RULE 109: ORTHOTIC AND PROSTHETIC REIMBURSEMENT

We only had two (2) public comments during the promulgation of the Rule, both of these I am providing to you a reference to in the electronic hearing record for you to review:

#1. September 2, 2014 written comment by the Arkansas State Orthotic and Prosthetic Association urging AID adoption of a Rule to increase orthotic and prosthetic reimbursement to current Centers of Medicaid and Medicare Services ("CMS") levels for orthotic and prosthetic supplies and services. This is Exhibit #11, in the Rule 109 electronic hearing transcript.

#2. A public comment made in the January 14, 2015 public hearing by Mr. Roger Smith who represents the Orthotic and Prosthetic industry. Mr. Smith urged AID to adopt the rule as initially filed and explained that the State's orthotic and prosthetic industry were in need of a reimbursement increase from the 2009 levels to better help them recover costs in treating patients. Mr. Smith was also in favor of the automatic adjustment language in the proposed Rule which automatically ties the orthotic and prosthetic reimbursement to CMS levels annually. Please see pages fifteen (15) through seventeen (17) in the attached Rule 109 electronic hearing transcript.

The Department's response to both of these public comments is that AID agrees and states that the proposed Rule is intended and was drafted to adjust the reimbursement as requested and to help resolve these concerns.