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## Advocacy Alert - AADSM Comments on Two Crucial Developments in DSM

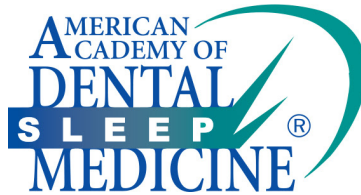
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# Advocacy Alert

## AADSM Comments on Two Crucial Developments in DSM

The AADSM is commenting on two new developments that could have a major impact on dental sleep medicine. Should you wish to support our advocacy efforts, instructions and deadlines for submitting comments of your own are included below.

### **Proposed Medicare LCDs: Hypoglossal Nerve Stimulation for the Treatment of OSA**

There are currently three proposed Medicare local coverage determination (LCD) policies to reimburse for hypoglossal nerve stimulation (HGNS) surgery as a treatment for obstructive sleep apnea (OSA). These LCDs are proposed policies that are not yet in effect.

The LCDs propose that patients diagnosed with OSA fail CPAP before being approved for HGNS surgery. The AADSM is recommending that the LCDs also include a requirement for patients to try and fail oral appliance therapy (OAT) prior to approval of HGNS surgery.

#### [View official comment letter](#)

If you practice in one of the locations affected by the proposed LCDs, consider sending a comment letter in support of the AADSM position:

**1) LCD for Jurisdiction E:**

American Samoa, California, Guam, Hawaii,  
Nevada and Northern Mariana Islands

- [Proposed Local Coverage Determination \(LCD\): Hypoglossal Nerve Stimulation for the Treatment of Obstructive Sleep Apnea \(DL38310\)](#)

- **Deadline: 10/25/2019**

Noridian Healthcare Solutions,  
LLC  
J-E Part B Contractor Medical  
Director(s)  
Attention: Draft LCD Comments  
P.O. Box 6722  
Fargo, ND 58108-6722  
[policydraft@noridian.com](mailto:policydraft@noridian.com)

**2) LCD for Jurisdiction F:**

Alaska, Arizona, Idaho, Montana, North Dakota,  
Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, and  
Wyoming

- [Proposed Local Coverage Determination \(LCD\): Hypoglossal Nerve Stimulation for the Treatment of Obstructive Sleep Apnea \(DL38312\)](#)

- **Deadline: 10/25/2019**

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Director(s)  
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PO Box 6781  
Fargo, ND 58108-6781  
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**3) LCD for two Jurisdictions:**Jurisdiction J:

Alabama, Georgia, and Tennessee

Jurisdiction M:

North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, and  
West Virginia

- [Proposed Local Coverage Determination \(LCD\): Hypoglossal Nerve Stimulation for Obstructive Sleep Apnea \(DL38276\)](#)

- **Deadline: 11/21/2019**

Jurisdiction J:

Palmetto GBA  
Part A Policy/Part B Policy  
PO Box 100305 (J-J)  
AG-275  
Columbia, SC 29202

Jurisdiction M:

Palmetto GBA  
Part A Policy/Part B Policy  
PO Box 100238 (J-M)  
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Part A:

[A.Policy@PalmettoGBA.com](mailto:A.Policy@PalmettoGBA.com)

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## AAOP-Orofacial Pain ADA Specialty Application

The American Academy of Orofacial Pain (AAOP) has submitted an application to the American Dental Association (ADA) for recognition of orofacial pain as a specialty.

### [View AAOP-Orofacial Pain Specialty Application](#)

The AADSM is submitting an official comment letter to the ADA. The AAOP has included sleep-related breathing disorders (SRBDs) in the definition of orofacial pain. The AADSM is strongly advocating for the removal of SRBDs from the definition of orofacial pain. It is vital for optimal patient care and clinician autonomy that the screening and treatment of SRBDs remains interdisciplinary and that it is not housed solely under orofacial pain.

### [View official comment letter](#)

The ADA is currently accepting public comments. Consider sending a comment letter in support of the AADSM position:

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National Commission on Recognition of Dental Specialties and Certifying Boards  
American Dental Association  
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[Chicago, IL 60611](#)  
[baumannca@ada.org](mailto:baumannca@ada.org)

**Deadline: 10/28/2019**

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