

Steve Azia Quoted in HME News on OMHA Appeals Process

The recent revelation that the Office of Medicare Hearings and Appeals has a backlog of nearly half a million appeals and has stopped assigning new cases to the administrative law judges (ALJs) for as long as two years has caused providers to reconsider appealing an audit. In this HME News article, Steve Azia suggests that, rather than putting providers in the position of having to decide whether or not to appeal, the system needs to be fixed.

"I would not pin this on providers," said Mr. Azia. "Are there cases where claims are going to be rightfully denied? Yes, but the cases that go to the ALJ are cases that need to be heard."

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