

ACTION TAKEN BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

November 11, 2011

Under the provisions of the Bylaws (Article VI, Section H "Informal Action by Directors") the Board voted by a 2/3 vote in support of the following motion:

The International Association of Laryngectomees Board of Directors is convinced that Medicare rules (Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System code L8509) requiring that the trachea-esophageal voice prosthesis (TEP) which is required to be inserted by a licensed provider (the "Indwelling" prosthesis) be reimbursed only if purchased by the provider places an unfair financial burden on providers and constitutes a financial and health risk for laryngectomee patients. The Board requests that Medicare change this rule and urges member clubs and all members of the laryngectomee community to communicate with Medicare and their Congressional representatives to support this change.

Respectively,

Terrie Hall,
IAL Secretary