



Anesthesiology News Updates

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Contractors release FAQs on Medicare sequestration cuts

A 2 percent sequestration cut in Medicare provider payments took effect this week as required by the Budget Control Act of 2011. [Read More](#)

Payment for Post-op Nerve Blocks for Pain in Peril

Anesthesia providers in 10 western states would not be reimbursed for blocks and epidurals meant to manage post-operative pain under a draft policy proposed by Noridian Administrative Services, the Medicare Administrative Contractor for Alaska, Arizona, Idaho, Montana, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington and Wyoming. [Read More](#)

CMS PROPOSED/DRAFT Local Coverage Determination (LCD):

Nerve Blockade: Somatic, Selective Nerve Root, and Epidural (DL33188)

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PPACA Small Business Insurance Market Delayed a Year

Small business employees will have to wait a year before they can choose their own medical plans after the Obama administration delayed a part of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act intended to provide them with coverage options. [Read More](#)

I. Enhanced Physician Payments for RHC and FQHC Individual Providers II. Enhanced Physician Payments for all Providers

Effective January 1, 2013, the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) implemented the Affordable Care Act (ACA) final rule, increasing Medicaid reimbursements for evaluation and management and immunization services to 100 percent of Medicare reimbursement in 2013 and 2014. The increase applies to both fee-for-service (FFS) and managed care organization (MCO) plans. [Read More](#)