



Anesthesiology News Updates

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President Approves 3-Month SGR Patch

President Barack Obama signed a new law that prevents a scheduled payment reduction for physicians and other practitioners who treat Medicare patients from taking effect on Jan. 1, 2014. [Read More](#)

Medicare Doc Fix Advances

Similar bills to replace Medicare's physician payment formula passed House and Senate committees, but final passage is not expected until early 2014. [Read More](#)

CMS Consolidates Hospital Outpatient Payments

Medicare plans to pay a single rate for hospital outpatient clinic visits in 2014, instead of the five different rates it currently pays. [Read More](#)

Transition from ICD-9 to ICD-10

On October 1, 2014, the health care industry will transition from ICD-9 to ICD-10 codes for diagnosis and inpatient procedures.

This transition is going to change how you do business – from registration and referrals to superbills and software upgrades. But that change doesn't have to be overwhelming. CMS has resources to help your practice prepare for the transition. [Read More](#)

ICD-10 Changeover Poses Risks and Rewards for Anesthesiologists

Mastering the ICD-10 coding transition to optimize reimbursement for anesthesia services will take an effort, but it can pay off in terms of higher practice revenue, less paperwork and greater overall clinical efficiency, experts said. [Read More](#)

SC Medicaid needs your help

SC Medicaid is requesting providers code different scenarios to ensure their computer system will properly process and pay claims after the move to ICD-10. [Read More](#)

ACOs Continue to Multiply

A leading cost-control and quality improvement initiative in the federal healthcare overhaul will expand next year, federal officials announced. [Read More](#)

