



## Anesthesiology News Updates

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### **Physician specialties: Whose compensation has grown the most?**

The median total cash compensation for physicians has risen across almost every specialty, with urology experiencing the largest pay increase since 2013, according to the 2014 Physician Compensation and Productivity Survey from Sullivan, Cotter and Associates. [Read More](#)

### **Medicare Does Not Accept Retroactive Orders**

Providers may not add late signatures to medical records. Medicare does not accept retroactive orders. In the event a signature cannot be changed or is missing, a signature log or attestation statement should be included.

### **Physician Quality Reporting System (PQRS)**

PQRS is a reporting program that uses a combination of incentive payments and negative payment adjustments to promote reporting of quality information by eligible professionals (EPs). [Read More](#) The updated face-to-face link no longer includes anesthesia codes. If the anesthesia codes are not listed on the [Face- to- Face Encounter Codes](#) then the cross cutting measures should not apply.

### **Health insurer's fraud-linked insolvency leaves about \$8 million unpaid**

An insolvent Seneca-based health insurer taken over by the state amid an FBA fraud investigation owes medical providers about \$8million, a court appointed overseer of the nonprofit's finances said. [Read More](#)