



## Anesthesiology News Updates

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### **HHS Sets ICD-10 Switch for October 2015**

The switchover to ICD-10 codes for HIPAA-compliant entities will occur Oct. 1, 2015, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced this week. [Read More](#)

### **How Graceful is the Grace Period?**

The Centers of Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) is responsible for implementing the many provisions within the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (otherwise known as ACA). One of those provisions could put healthcare professionals at risk for providing services without payment. [Read More](#)

### **Avoiding Medicare Fraud & Abuse: A Roadmap for Physicians**

The five most important Federal fraud and abuse laws that apply to physicians are the False Claims Act (FCA), the Anti-Kickback Statute, the Physician Self-Referral Law (Stark Law), the Social Security Act, and the U.S. Criminal Code. Violations of these laws may result in nonpayment of claims, Civil Monetary Penalties (CMPs), exclusion from the Medicare Program, and criminal and civil liability. [Read More](#)

### **Creating Public Transparency of Industry-Physician Financial Relationships**

This program is a national resource for beneficiaries, consumers, and providers to better understand relationships between physicians, teaching hospitals, and industry. Collaboration among physicians, teaching hospitals, and industry manufacturers can contribute to the design and delivery of life-saving drugs and devices. [Read More](#)