



## Anesthesiology News Updates

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### **Meaningful Use Stage 2 Modifications Rule still at OMB**

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has still not released the Meaningful Use Stage 2 Modifications Rule, even though Oct. 3 is anticipated to be the last day for eligible professionals (EPs) to begin reporting in 2015 in order to avoid a penalty in 2017. The proposed Modifications Rule, released in April, outlined a number of changes, including a 90-day reporting period for EPs, a decrease in the number of measures to be reported and reduced measure thresholds for both the secure messaging and view, download or transmit requirements. The OMB website states that the Stage 2 modifications rule has been coupled with the Stage 3 final rule. MGMA and others have asked for the Stage 3 rule to be decoupled and delayed.

### **ASA Survey Results for Commercial Fees Paid for Anesthesia Services - 2015**

Each summer we anonymously survey anesthesiology practices across the country. We ask them to report up to five of their largest managed care (commercial) contract conversion factors (CF) and the percentage each contract represents of their commercial population, along with some demographic information. [Read More](#)

### **Consumers' Choice Health Plan Leaving SC**

Consumers' Choice Health Plan, the nonprofit health insurance company serving more than 67,000 South Carolinians, would like to extend a heartfelt thank you for the excellent care you provided to our members in 2015. [Read More](#)

### **2 Insurers in Small-Business Health Insurance Marketplace**

Two health insurers in South Carolina are selling small group coverage plans, and four are selling individual plans for 2016 in the Federal Health Insurance Marketplace following Consumers' Choice exiting the market at year-end. [Read More](#)