



## Anesthesiology News Updates

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### **Medicare Physician Payment Data Released**

The Obama administration released data on Medicare payments in 2012 to more than 880,000 physicians Wednesday, drawing concerns from provider groups. [Read More](#)

### **Congress Passes One-Year SGR Patch and Delays to ICD-10, 2-Midnight**

A 24 percent cut in Medicare physician payments scheduled to begin Tuesday was averted for another year under legislation Congress passed over opposition from many physician advocacy groups. [Read More](#)

### **Interpretive Guidelines for Hospitals**

The pre-anesthesia evaluation must be completed and documented within 48 hours immediately prior to any inpatient or outpatient surgery or procedure requiring anesthesia services. (CMS Pub. 100-07 page 8) [Read More](#)

### **Dallas Anesthesiologist Admits to Texting, Reading iPad During Procedures**

Mary Roseann Milne, 61, checked into Medical City Dallas on April 13, 2011 for an operation to correct an irregular heartbeat. The procedure, an AV node ablation, is routine, at least as far as heart surgeries go, but something went wrong. [Read More](#)

### **MedPAC Expands Site-Neutral Hospital Cuts**

Congress should cut hospital payments for 66 groups of services that are also provided outside hospitals, the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission (MedPAC) recently recommended. [Read More](#)

### **ACA Grace Period Continues to Draw Concerns from Providers**

Physician advocacy groups are asking the Obama administration for new rules to protect physicians from having to absorb unpaid expenses incurred by patients who let their marketplace coverage lapse. [Read More](#)

### **Poll: Half of the Uninsured Won't Seek Coverage**

Half of those who lacked coverage as of mid-March said they planned to remain uninsured, a recent poll found. [Read More](#)