



## Anesthesiology News Updates

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### **Anesthetist job fight reflects health outsourcing trend**

Almost 70 Metro Detroit nurse anesthetists are set to be out of work due in part to a nationwide trend in which hospitals are increasingly contracting out to private firms entire departments to trim costs. [Read More](#)

### **GAO Urges Site-Neutral Payments**

Congress's investigative agency is urging expanded use of Medicare site-neutral payments to combat what it sees as a trend toward increasing costs after hospitals acquire physician practices. [Read More](#)

### **CMS Issues Correction to 2016 Medicare Anesthesia Conversion Factor**

ASA staff contacted the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) with concerns about the calculation of the 2016 Medicare Anesthesia Conversion Factor as it appeared in the Final Rule for the CY2016 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule which was released October 30. [Read More](#)

### **Why Did Mcare Conversion Factor Go Down for 2016 When MACRA Said it Would Go Up?**

Read [this Timely Topic](#) from the ASA Department of Payment and Practice Management to learn why the Medicare conversion factor went down when MACRA said it would go up by 0.5 Percent.

### **Multi-Payer Agreement Establishes Common Physician Quality Measures**

The first common quality measures that will span traditional Medicare and insurers of 70 percent of privately insured Americans were introduced this week. [Read More](#)

### **Hospitals Object to Reduced Network Adequacy Requirements**

Final rules recently issued for 2017 health insurance plans to be sold in government-run marketplaces will not include many of the network adequacy provisions proposed in December, despite the urging of hospital advocates. [Read More](#)