



Anesthesiology News Updates

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Number of physicians statewide up nearly 12% since 2009, report says

The total number of physicians in the S.C. workforce increased by 11.8% between 2009 and 2013, according to a new edition of the S.C. Health Professions Data Book. [Read More](#)

CMS Introduces Four New Modifiers in Lieu of Modifier 59

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is establishing four new Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) modifiers to define subsets of the -59 modifier, which is used to designate a “distinct procedural service.” [Read More](#)

New Specific HCPCS Modifiers for Distinct Procedural Services (Modifier 59)

Modifier 59, the distinct procedural service modifier, is reported with a Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) code to identify procedures or services, other than Evaluation and Management (E/M) services that are not typically reported together, but are appropriate under the circumstances. [Read More](#)

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Join SC DHHS in exploring the world of ICD-10. Below you will find simple scenarios based on Place of Service (POS). In the corresponding text box, enter the ICD-9 code you would use today if filing a claim and then enter the ICD-10 code you would use for future billing for the same scenario. [Read More](#)