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Tools and Resources: Star Your Favorites

With the healthcare industry in a continuous state of change and challenge, you may find yourself lost in a bundle of information. To make your hunt easier, we have compiled a list of relevant resources from the American Society of Anesthesiologists (ASA) and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).

The American Society of Anesthesiologists (ASA)

Website	What You Will Find
ASA Payment & Practice Management: Coding and Billing	2014 Locale Specific Medicare Anesthesia Conversion Factors Information and 2014 Locality Adjusted Conversion Factors Spreadsheet (<i>NOTE: The Conversion Factor information goes as far back as CY 2003 for your convenience.</i>) Up-to-date Medicare/Private Payer coding and billing information; Medicare Conversion Factors for Anesthesia Services by locale; link to ordering Relative Value Guide® (RVG) and CROSSWALK®
ICD-10-CM/PCS	Memos and updates on issues and/or announcements on the implementation of ICD-10-CM/PCS
Practice Management Courses and Resources	Variety of practice management courses and resources offered by ASA in a range of formats to help members meet the demands of operating a successful practice.
Resident Practice Management Education Tools	Practice Management tools for Residents
Payment and Practice Management: Timely Topics	Timely and up-to-date memos from the ASA Department of Payment and Practice Management informing members on key topics and events corresponding to the payment and practice of anesthesia services
ASA Physician Quality Reporting System	Information on the 2014 Physician Fee Schedule and the 2014 Physician Quality Reporting System (PQRS). Frequently Asked Questions for PQRS 2014

Timely Topics

PAYMENT AND PRACTICE MANAGEMENT

Anesthesia Quality Institute

[Anesthesia Quality Institute \(AQI\)](#)

AQI maintains nine registries, including the National Anesthesia Clinical Outcomes Registry (NACOR) – a CMS-approved Qualified Clinical Data Registry (QCDR) that eligible professionals (EPs) may use to participate in PQRS.

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)

Website	What You Will Find
Chapter 12: Physicians/Nonphysician Practitioners (PDF, 1 MB)	Section 50 within Chapter 12: Physician/Nonphysician Practitioners of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual corresponds to Payment for Anesthesiology Services. Section 100 of Chapter 12 discusses Teaching Physician Services and Section 140 of Chapter 12 discusses Qualified Nonphysician Anesthetist Services
CMS: ICD-10 Resources for Transition	Official CMS Industry/Resources for the ICD-10 Transition
CMS: Road to 10	CMS has created “Road to 10.” It is a no-cost tool to help with the ICD-10 transition
CMS 2015 ICD-10-CM and GEMs	2015 ICD-10CM and 2015 ICD-10-PCS Files
CMS Physician Fee Schedule Look-Up Tool	The CMS Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (MPFS) look-up tool is a searchable database that provides payment information for services covered by the MPFS
NCCI Coding Edits	Information and links pertaining to National Correct Coding Initiative Edits (<i>NOTE: Edits are updated quarterly. It is IMPORTANT to remember to use edits in place at the time service is provided.</i>)
Medicare Coverage Database	The Medicare Coverage Database (MCD) contains all National Coverage Determinations (NCDs) and Local Coverage Determinations (LCDs), local articles, and proposed NCD decisions. Also includes National Coverage policy related documents.
CMS: Value-Based Payment Modifier	CMS Value-Based Payment Modifier (VBPM) Policies
CMS: Electronic Health Record Incentive Program	The EHR Incentive Program provides incentive payments to EPs as they adopt, implement, upgrade or demonstrate meaningful use of certified EHR technology.
CMS: Physician Quality Reporting Program	PQRS is a reporting program that uses a combination of incentive payments and payment adjustments to promote reporting of quality information by eligible professionals (EPs).
CMS: Physician Compare	Physician Compare is a CMS website that provides beneficiaries the ability to find and choose physicians and other healthcare professionals enrolled in the Medicare Program.