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Take 5: Medicare News Flash

No time to read all those wordy transmittals? Here's news you can peruse in under 5 minutes. Catch up on the latest Medicare Part A/B news communicated via Medicare Learning Network (MLN) articles on your break. Below are summaries of notable coding and billing changes. [Learn More »](#)

2% Medicare Pay Cut Suspended

Suspension of the 2 percent sequestration payment adjustment applied to all Medicare Fee-for-Service (FFS) claims is extended through Dec. 31 of this year. Participating clinicians will continue to receive full payment of their Medicare claims during this time. [Learn More »](#)

Modifier 24: Determine How Your Payer Defines “Unrelated”

Brush up on modifier 24 guidelines to ensure payment for postsurgical unrelated E/M services. Standard postoperative care, including related evaluation and management (E/M), is not separately reportable, but an unrelated E/M service during the postsurgical period may be. [Learn More »](#)

99211 in 2021

It's about time for this nonphysician provider E/M code change. How do you feel you are handling the new American Medical Association (AMA) evaluation and management (E/M) guidelines? I know I've had to stop many times while auditing and make sure I was using the new criteria for office visits. [Learn More »](#)

Coverage of Non-Prescription COVID Tests

In the recent article FDA Authorizes Non-Prescription COVID Tests, AAPC reported that the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has granted emergency use authorization for at-home, over-the-counter (OTC) COVID-19 tests. On March 5, 2021, Cue Health received emergency use authorization (EUA) from the FDA for their Cue COVID-19 Test for Home and Over The Counter Use, the first molecular diagnostic test available without a prescription. [Learn More »](#)

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