COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY UPDATES

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EDUCATION UPDATES

CMS Provider Comparative Billing Reports (CBR)

Provider-led (not CMS) reports that provide a comparison of your practice's billing to regional/federal benchmarks. This is a tool that you can use to improve your internal billing and documentation.

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Effective March 15th, CMS is increasing payment for the COVID-19 vaccine to $40 per dose. If the vaccine was provided free of charge by the government however, CMS stated there should be no charge to the patient for administration of the vaccine.

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