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Practice Manager Meeting

**Next Meeting is Thursday,
September 13th, 2018 - 8 AM**

**Topic – Welcome back!
Let's review and update programs
and Contracts.**

**Continuing Specialist Series:
Meet the Surgeon
Dr. Marc Finklestein**

Please visit www.spo-ny.org.
Registration is simple, quick, and
limited to current members!

NEED HELP?

- Practice Management Problems
- Claims Issues
- Medical Policy Concerns

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**CMS Proposes Changes to Physician Fee Schedule
(Is still in committee)**

CMS has recently released proposed changes to the evaluation and management (E/M) coding guidelines. It proposed to bundle both established patient visit codes 99212-99215 into a single code and new patient visit codes 99202-99205 into a single code. The lowest established and new patient codes would remain the same.

Currently documentation requirements differ for each level and are based on either 1995 or 1997 E/M documentation guidelines. In addition, patient type New / established and + level of E/M performance is required.

The proposal calls for a **single** payment rate for E/M visit levels 2-5, as well as a more simplified documentation standard.

In addition, resources used during a visit could be added through a **proposal** HCPCS G Code for primary care services, as well as a similar code for specialty services.

Also proposed are additional payment codes for extended visits and, multiple procedure payments.

We will keep you informed through our newsletters and practice manager meetings as this advances.

Webinar ALERT: 2018 QPP: Avoiding a Negative Payment Adjustment

Wednesday, September 12, 2018 | 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

Understanding the minimum requirements for participation in the 2018 Quality Payment Program's Merit-Based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) is critical to **avoiding a negative payment** adjustment. This webinar will help your practice/organization understand what is required for each of the performance categories and will review relevant options regarding data collection and submission.

Go to: <https://ipro.org/for-providers/medicare-qpp/irpo-present>

Educational brochures on diabetic retinal exams and mammography to help increase patient compliance have been mailed to all adult PCP practices. Give us feedback – Request additional copies.