

## **Part B Insider (Multispecialty) Coding Alert**

### **Carrier Will Cover Home PT Test, Incident-To Heparin Drugs**

For patients with mechanical heart valves on Coumadin, Medicare will cover a home test for prothrombin time, according to a February 2003 column by **Kathleen Brooks**, medical director for Part B Carrier **Wisconsin Physicians Service**. Also, three low-molecular-weight Heparin drugs (dalteparin, enoxaparin and tinzaparin) are considered by WPS to be "not usually self-administered" and therefore reimbursable incident to a physician's service.