

## Part B Insider (Multispecialty) Coding Alert

### EVALUATION & MANAGEMENT: AHIMA and AHA Form E&M Panel

It's up to providers to prove once and for all that E/M doesn't stand for "extravagant and misplaced."

The **American Health Information Management Association** and the **American Hospital Association** have formed a panel to sort out the evaluation and management tangle once and for all. The **Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services** called for providers to propose new codes for facilities to report the E/M services that physicians provide in them.

The panel will review processes that facilities have used to meet current Medicare requirements as well as other E/M models that might make it easier to code emergency and clinical services. Its recommendations will be ready by April 2003.