

## Part B Insider (Multispecialty) Coding Alert

### In other news ...

- **Is HIPAA 5010 a thorn in your side? You might benefit from an upcoming CMS seminar.** CMS knows that confusion abounds regarding its HIPAA 5010 form, which takes effect on Jan. 1, 2012, and the agency aims to quell those issues with a series of educational events.

On Feb. 11, CMS will sponsor its fourth national conference call on the 5010 form, "CMS's Approach for New Error Handling Transactions: 999 and 277 CA." The call will consist of an educational session, followed by a Q&A.

To participate in the call, visit the [www2.eventsvc.com/palmettogba/02112010](http://www2.eventsvc.com/palmettogba/02112010).

- Does your provider refer to your doctor as an HBP and you don't know why? Time to consult CMS's acronym listing -- just one in a list of CMS resources available in its new reference chart.

You can locate scores of resources with the click of a mouse by accessing [www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/Quick\\_Reference\\_All\\_Medicare\\_Providers.pdf](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/Quick_Reference_All_Medicare_Providers.pdf). The list includes acronyms (such as HBP, which stands for "hospitalbased physician"), information on electronic billing, coverage information, fee schedules, E/M guidelines, ICD-10, and other essential details.