

## Part B Insider (Multispecialty) Coding Alert

### In other news

In addition to offering patients HIPAA forms, financial agreements, and insurance forms, you may soon be giving them information about how to complain about you.

A new CMS proposal "would require most Medicareparticipating providers and suppliers to give Medicare beneficiaries written notice about their right to contact a Medicare Quality Improvement Organization (QIO) with concerns about the quality of care they receive under the Medicare program," a Feb.

2 CMS news release states. Currently, only hospital inpatients are given this type of information about contacting a QIO, but if the new proposal passes, the following types of providers would have to inform beneficiaries about how to complain to a QIO:

- Outpatient physical therapy and speech-languagepathology clinics
- Comprehensive outpatient rehab facilities
- Critical access hospitals
- Home health agencies
- Hospices
- Hospitals
- Long-term care facilities
- Ambulatory surgical centers
- Portable x-ray services
- Rural health clinical and Federally-qualified health centers

CMS is accepting comments on the proposed rule through April 3. To submit comments, visit [www.regulations.gov/#!documentDetail;D=CMS\\_FRDOC\\_0001-0641](http://www.regulations.gov/#!documentDetail;D=CMS_FRDOC_0001-0641).