

Part B Insider (Multispecialty) Coding Alert

Make Sure Your Office Has An Emergency Policy Too

The misfortunes of **West Texas Hospital** should be a wake-up call for your physician office, says attorney **Greg Piche** with **Holland Hart** in Denver. -I suspect many physicians in their offices have a 911 policy and rely solely on that, but that course of action can be iffy at times,- he adds.

Ready? You should make sure your office has arrangements in place to handle emergency situations. -Do you have a paramedic group that you can get a hold of in a hurry?- Piche asks. Especially if your office deals with severely ill patients, you should be prepared.