

Part B Insider (Multispecialty) Coding Alert

Physician Notes: Are You Being Double-Penalized for EHR Non-Participation?

As if taking a one percent hit on your Medicare payments isn't painful enough, some practices are reminded twice about their EHR penalties. Fortunately, however, they aren't getting twice the deductions taken out of their pay.

Background: Eligible professionals who are not meaningful users of electronic health records (EHRs) are seeing a one percent negative payment adjustment on their Medicare Physician Fee Schedule charges now that 2015 has arrived. Unfortunately, a glitch in the system at Part B MAC National Government Services has caused twice the notifications on that matter.

"Due to a system issue, duplicate remittances were issued for providers subject to EHR negative payments," the MAC said in a Feb. 23 statement. "These duplicate remittances are not associated with a claim adjustment, thus no claim payment was issued. A fix was installed on Feb. 6. You may keep the duplicate remittance for record."