

Part B Insider (Multispecialty) Coding Alert

Reimbursement

If your practice provides enteral nutrition, you could be in for a nasty cut. The **HHS Office of Inspector General** wants deep cuts to payments for category I enteral nutrition formulas.

The OIG found in a Feb. 2 inspection report that Medicare paid 70 to 115 percent more for enteral nutrition than suppliers. Now the OIG wants the **Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services** to use its "inherent reasonableness" authority to cut nutrition payments up to 15 percent per year. CMS says procedures for using that authority are still being hashed out.