

## Part B Insider (Multispecialty) Coding Alert

### Transmittal Roundup: Start Billing For Diabetes Self-management Training

Medicare will cover 10 hours of initial self-management training for a patient diagnosed with diabetes, and another two hours per year after that, according to Transmittal 1158 (CR 5433). You should bill using G0108 or G0109 with Type of Bill 73X.

#### **In other recent transmittals:**

- Don't use Category III code 0091T for lumbar artificial disk replacement (LADR) starting Jan. 1. Instead, you should be using new CPT code 22857, according to Transmittal 1164 (CR 5462).
- If your zip code falls into more than one -payment locality,- you'll have to start submitting nine-digit zip codes on your claims starting Oct. 1, 2007. Otherwise, you could be facing denials or delays in payment, warns Transmittal 1167 (CR 5208). In some cases, the five-digit zip code may mislead your carrier into believing your service happened in a different county.
- Starting Jan. 1, your carrier will apply a 25-percent copayment to colorectal screenings in the ambulatory surgical center (ASC) setting, says Transmittal 1160 (CR 5387).