



ATTENTION ANESTHESIA PROVIDERS

A correction has been made to the claims processing logic for anesthesia claims that denied incorrectly for edit 748 (only 1 delivery allowed in 6 months). Anesthesia claims denied when a physician/anesthesiologist only initiates the anesthesia for a procedure and then the CRNA monitors the anesthesia throughout the procedure. When billed with the appropriate modifiers, the claims processing system should allow both claims to process for payment. We found that one claim (either doctor or CRNA) paid and the other claim denied for edit 748. The logic changes are implemented and denied claims will be recycled on the RA of December 21, 2010. When the 748 issue was identified, providers also reported concerns with claim denials for edit 735 (previously paid anesthesia or supervising anesthesia for same recipient and date of service). Review of these claims revealed that provider billing errors occurred which caused these denials, so no further action will be taken on this issue.