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What's new at PARA

The Calculator is Moving!

With the introduction of APCs in the year 2000, PARA introduced its first web based application—The Calculator. We all know, a lot has changed since 2000 and we are pleased to announce that the Calculator is moving to a new home!

If you want to know everything there is to know about a particular code, range of codes, or even if you do not know the code—it will even work with a description—The Calculator is your resource.

The Calculator is PARA's free research tool that compiles reference material across more than fourteen sources. Just a few of the sources include:

- Correct Coding Edits
- Modifiers
- NDC's
- Local Coverage Determinations
- Fee Schedules
- APCs
- HCPCS Codes

The Calculator is where you can find this and more without blindly searching the web or purchasing expensive books.

To coincide with the upgrades we have made to the PARA Data Editor (PDE), we are moving the Calculator to the PDE. It has gone through a complete redesign using the latest programming techniques to make it faster and provide you with more information in a cleaner more concise interface.

We have made the reports more user friendly and portable so you can share them with your coworkers by clicking your mouse. This includes reports in the Adobe PDF format and MS Excel so you can analyze the data and include it in your own analysis.

You can set your preferences and the Calculator will remember you and provide you with the information that pertains to your Hospital or the Hospital you want to know information about—no need to enter your information more than once.

To learn more about the PARA Data Editor or incorporating this process at your Hospital please contact:

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2007 Outpatient PPS Charge Data

Available
August 15

- Compare prices on new 2007 HCPCS codes
- Update market pricing opportunity
- New patient quotations

Call Christian now to be placed on the priority list: 1-800-999-3332 ext 212

August Webinars

Out-of-Pocket Estimates

August 12, 11am PDT

August 26, 11am PDT

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Identify the Same Item with a Different Price

It is a widely known fact that Hospitals are being asked to defend their prices every day. This chore is becoming more time consuming than ever. One of the most visible items for complaints is patients having the same service on two different occasions and the price being different—solely because they accessed care in two different locations in the Hospital.

Do you have the same HCPCS code with different prices in your chargemaster? We have the solution.

Identify all of these items in your CDM with one click. Using the "Filter" tab on the PARA Data Editor (PDE) you are now able to find and fix these items. No more will you have to justify why a Chest Film is \$125 in one department and \$185 in another.

The filter even works on proposed price changes to be sure you remain compliant after you change prices.

If you would like a demonstration on how to use this filter please contact Christian Pass at:

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2008 Update Calendar

Medicare Updates for Q1	Available
2007 Inpatient Charge Comparison Data	Available
Medicare Coding Updates for Q2	Available
2007 Outpatient Charge Comparison Data	This Month!
Medicare Coding Updates for Q3	September
2009 Coding Updates	November
2009 HCPCS Updates	December

PARA Data Editor Highlights:

- 2007 Outpatient PPS Market Data
- Q1 FY2008 MS-DRG Comparisons
- HCPCS Pricing Filter

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