APMA Expo Coding Seminar

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Surgical Guidelines

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Also, regarding the APMA Coding Resource Center… I have no apologies for promoting it…it’s the best thing out there.

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See Scott and the others just outside the door. Tell 'em Harry sent you.
Attempt to standardize the coding, utilization, and documentation of surgical procedures
Surgical Guidelines
Global Surgery

Includes all necessary services normally furnished by a surgeon before (pre-op), during (intra-op), and after a procedure (post op)

Surgical Guidelines
Global Surgery (CPT)

• E/M services subsequent to the decision for surgery on the day before and/or day of surgery (including H&P)
• Local infiltration, metacarpal/metatarsal/digital block or topical anesthesia
• Immediate postop care, including dictating operative notes, talk with the family and other physicians or other qualified health professionals
Surgical Guidelines
Global Surgery (CPT)

- Writing orders
- Evaluating the patient in the post-anesthesia recovery area
- Typical postoperative follow-up

Surgical Guidelines
Global Surgery (CMS)

0-Day Post-Op Period
- No pre-op period
- No post-op period
- Visit on day of procedure is generally no payable as a separate service
Surgical Guidelines
Global Surgery (CMS)

10-Day Post-Op Period
• No pre-op period
• Visit on day of procedure is generally no payable as a separate service
• Total global period is 11 days: the day of surgery + 10 days post op

Surgical Guidelines
Global Surgery (CMS)

90-Day Post-Op Period
• No pre-op period
• Visit on day of procedure is generally no payable as a separate service
• Total global period is 92 days: one day pre-op; the day of surgery + 90 days post op
**Surgical Guidelines**
**Global Surgery (CMS)**

- Pre-op visits after the decision is made to operate.
- All additional medical or surgical services required of the surgeon during the post-operative period of the surgery because of complications, which do not require additional trips to the operating room.
- Post operative pain management by surgeon.
- Supplies (except those excluded).

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**Surgical Guidelines**
**Global Surgery – What’s Not Included**

- Pre-op decision for major surgery (“-57” modifier).
- Unrelated procedures or E/M services in a global period.
- DME, diagnostic tests, imaging.
- Return to the operating room for complications of surgery.
CMS Guidelines
Are You Kidding Me?

• “FX” Modifier
• “-50” Modifier
Medicare’s Bilateral “1” Indicator

- “FX” Modifier
- “-50” Modifier
- “X” Modifier

CMS Guidelines
Are You Kidding Me?
Thank you!