Anesthesia Billing Reminder

Why you're receiving this Stat
In July, we notified you about upcoming changes to billing and reimbursement for anesthesia services.

What you need to know
Effective October 1, 2015, anesthesia services should be billed using the Current Procedural Terminology (CPT®) code range 00100 - 01999.
Operative anesthesia payments are determined by adding base units (the standard base unit value assigned by the American Society of Anesthesiologists) and time units, then multiplying the sum by the anesthesia factor rate:

(Base units + time units) X (anesthesia factor rate) = payment

Time units are based on the length of time required to prepare the patient for anesthesia in the operating room (or equivalent area), administer anesthesia, and through the time when the anesthesiologist’s constant personal attendance is no longer required.

One time unit is equivalent to 15 minutes. Time units are calculated and rounded as follows:
- For 8 minutes or more - round up (e.g., 1 hour and 9 minutes = 5 time units)
- Less than 8 minutes - round down (e.g., 1 hour and 7 minutes = 4 time units)

What you need to do
- Please update your claims system to accommodate the new billing requirements.
- Use code range 00100 - 01999 for anesthesia claims with date of service on or after October 1, 2015.
- Continue to bill non-anesthesia procedures using the appropriate surgical or medical CPT code.

If you have any questions regarding this stat, please contact your Provider Relations and Contracting account specialist at 1-800-666-4627.