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Restaurant Calorie Counts

Do you rely on the nutritional information provided by your restaurant of choice? Of course, why wouldn't you! Being able to check the calories for those counting, or the fat, carbs, fiber and protein for those on the points+ system is a bit of a relief. You want to be able to still eat out with friends, colleagues and family while still watching your waistline.

Until, however, it was recently published that calorie counts on restaurant menus may not be accurate. Who can we rely on these days? Clearly not the National Restaurant Association, shouldn't they be regulating the companies and making sure their information is correct?

Recent findings state, "Some 19% of the items had at least 100 calories more per portion than was stated by the restaurant. Over the course of a year, that could mean several additional pounds for an item consumed regularly."

Bottom line, overestimate your calories or points+ when eating out OR invite your family, friends and colleagues over for dinner! Therefore, you can know EXACTLY what is put into your meals!

*For further information continue reading on
blogs.wsj.com/health*

Special Feature

Deciding the Future of Your Practice by Richard L. Tamburello

Let's assume the following negative financial consequences: increased taxes, more regulations and reporting requirements, rising indirect and direct employment costs and declining reimbursements.

Introducing: CMS issues proposed rules impacting reimbursements:

<http://www.healthcarefinancenews.com/news/cms-issues-proposed-rules-impacting-payment-rates>

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The Coding Corner

CARC Code Adjustment

Effective July 1, CMS has a new claim adjustment reason code (CARC):

236 (this procedure or procedure/modifier combo isn't compatible with another procedure or procedure/modifier combo provided on the same day).

source: CMS.gov

Q & A

Q: I need to update my coding skills, what can I use to assist me?

A: E/M University can help! They feature weekly cases and physicians are able to learn if they got the code right or wrong & why.

Send all questions or comments to info@e-urs.com!