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*Medical E-Newsletter*



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Headlines:

**Flu Shots-** It's that time again when flu season is drawing near and the debate of flu shots is upon us. Everyone has an opinion of why or why not to get a flu shot so I've broken down the most popular pros and cons:

Pros	Cons
Vaccine cuts risks of contracting flu by 70%	20% chance you'll get the flu after vaccination
Cuts risk of dying by 80% among the elderly & those with serious medical conditions	Soreness, redness and swelling in arm
It won't cause you to contract the flu	Very slight % it could increase your risk of Guillain-Barre Syndrome

Source: [www.womansday.com](http://www.womansday.com)

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## Special Feature

### Effectively Preventing Unresolved Charges

By: Richard Tamburello

Working unresolved charges can be very unnerving and, of course, time consuming and labor intensive. Many medical offices are having to deal with numerous unpaid and denied charges because of a variety of reasons such as: cannot identify patient, procedure and diagnosis codes don't match, patient not eligible on date of service, no authorization for charges and no referral on file. Sound familiar?

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## The Coding Corner

### *CMS Update!*

Update: CMS has added two new remittance advice remark codes (RARCs):

**N542-** missing income verification

**N543-** incomplete/invalid income verification

Source: [cms.gov](http://cms.gov)

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## Q & A

**Q:** Why are physicians increasingly moving away from private practice?

**A:** "Some are doing so to gain stability in an uncertain business environment or reduce their administrative responsibilities; others, to gain improved access to health care IT tools, facilities or equipment; still others, to gain a more manageable workweek," the survey overview states."

Source: [aapc.com](http://aapc.com)

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