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Medical E-Newsletter



Everyone at URS hopes all have a happy & safe Halloween!

If you are planning on limiting the candy intake for the children- make sure you keep aware of the expiration dates. Many hard candies have a year or longer shelf life, but those softer candies tend to expire more quickly, especially chocolate candy. Remove `discolored' candy as it is likely not edible, discard `sticky' or those that have a `grainy feel' as it, too, is likely past its expiration date - so toss it!

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Healthcare Reform to Affect Doctors?

There are four major components in the healthcare system consisting of: physicians, patients, hospitals & insurance companies. However, President Obama is now putting most of the emphasis on the insurance companies in the healthcare reform bill.

Read More>>> Physiciansnews.com

So how does this affect you? There are several sections of the bill emphasized where you can read how it will impact you.

Read more>>> Opencongress.org

Blogger World

Looking for information on small businesses, managing your accounts receivables or other important healthcare updates? Visit our blog @ ursbillingservices.blogspot.com! We are challenging all for questions or situations regarding how to improve your medical practice.

****Special Offer**** We are offering a \$25 Starbucks gift card to the most challenging question placed on our blog. Your entry must be posted to our blog no later than 5:00 pm on November 15, 2010 to qualify.

****In order to qualify you must post a question then send us an e-mail with your name and contact**

Special Feature

Credentialing- Time Consuming, Detailed and Necessary

By: Richard Tamburello

URS has been credentialing physicians and practices since 2004. The staff has developed a comprehensive and effective methodology for ensuring all requested insurance providers are correctly credentialed and contracted. URS also reviews and completes the CAQH application process. CAQH requires significant amounts of personal and professional data such as the physician's curricula vitae, medical school diplomas, dates, state and federal licenses and personal references. [Read More>>>](#) ursbillingservices.blogspot.com

The Coding Corner

6 Medical Coding Tips

A few reminders about ICD-10 implementation:

- ICD-10 and Version 5010 Compliance Timelines
- ICD-10 will affect coding for everyone covered by HIPAA
- Prepare for implementation for ICD-10 and Version 5010 by potential updated software installation, staff training, changes to business operations and workflow, internal and external testing & reprinting of manuals and other materials.

source: cms.gov

Q & A

Q: How long does it take to get credentialed?

A: First an application needs to be submitted and it is imperative the application be filled out in detail with regard to dates (month and year), addresses, and contact information. In most cases it takes a minimum of 90 days but some cases can take up to 6 months. This is because the physician needs to submit all information so we can accurately put it into the database, as well as waiting for the insurance companies to approve the physician.