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Because the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) updates healthcare billing codes annually, vascular surgeons need to have updates as well. It is important they have the knowledge and understanding required to correctly apply these billing codes to receive reimbursement for their services to their patients.

The SVS Community Practice Committee will host a coding webinar from 7-8 p.m. (Central Standard Time) Wednesday, Jan. 22. All members are encouraged to join in to learn coding and billing basics, pitfalls in claims submissions and working effectively with private payers.

Fran Aiello, MD, Ravi Hasanadka, MD, and Sunita Srivastava, MD, of the Coding Committee will explore these topics in more detail. They include CMS' National Correct Coding Initiative edits, site of service selection, timely filing, appropriate documentations, delayed payment issues, differences between private payers and Medicare/Medicaid rules, pre-authorizations, and post-care denials, including services that are pre-authorized.

Participants will be able to ask questions during the webinar. To register, visit vsweb.org/CodingWebinar0120.

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