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Are high reimbursement amounts incentivizing inappropriate medical provider care?

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REIMBURSEMENT PER PROCEDURE for femoropopliteal artery and vein procedures has increased at a rate similar to that for national providers as a whole and for vascular surgeons specifically—at the same rate as much higher rates were recorded for radiologists and general surgeons, an analysis of Medicare reimbursement data from 2012-2017 demonstrates. The data, presented by Matthew Hoffman, MD, a general surgery resident at St. Barnabas Medical Center in Livingston, New Jersey, at the 2020 Vascular & Endovascular Surgery Society (VESS) virtual winter annual meeting (Jan. 11-24), set out to answer the question: Are high reimbursement amounts possibly

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