

## TODAY'S MESSAGE

# Multiple Surgical Pricing Reductions to be applied to Routine Surgical Procedures

Due to processing system limitations, surgical procedures performed for routine asymptomatic or preventative purposes have not been processing according to current multiple surgery pricing guidelines when reported with other surgical procedures on the same date of service. These surgeries include routine colonoscopies, sigmoidoscopies and circumcisions. Effective August 1, 2016, an enhancement to our processing system is being implemented to allow such surgical procedures to process according to multiple surgical reimbursement guidelines.

If these services are the highest paying procedure, they will be reimbursed at 100% of our allowance. If they are reported with other surgical procedures, which are higher paying, they will be reimbursed at 50% of our allowance. Maximums, deductible and co-insurance will also apply as appropriate.