

13. Who is the largest third-party payer in the nation?
 a. Blue Cross Blue Shield c. Cigna
 b. Aetna d. the government
 ANS: D PTS: 1 DIF: 1 TOP: THEORY
14. A major change took place in Medicare in ____ with the enactment of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act.
 a. 1989 c. 1997
 b. 1992 d. 2000
 ANS: A PTS: 1 DIF: 1 TOP: THEORY
15. The physician fee schedule is updated each April 15 and is composed of:
 a. the relative value units for each service
 b. a geographic adjustment factor to adjust for regional variations in the cost of operating a health care facility
 c. a national conversion factor
 d. all of the above
 e. none of the above
 ANS: D PTS: 1 DIF: 3 TOP: THEORY
16. If a surgeon performs more than one procedure on the same patient on the same day, and discounts were made on all subsequent procedures, Medicare would pay what percentages for the first, second, third, fourth, and fifth procedures?
 a. 100%, 100%, 100%, 100%, 100% c. 100%, 50%, 50%, 25%, 25%
 b. 100%, 50%, 50%, 50%, 25% d. 100%, 50%, 50%, 50%, 50%
 ANS: D PTS: 1 DIF: 2 TOP: THEORY
17. Medicare sets the payment level for assistant surgeons at a percentage of the fee schedule amount for the ____ surgical service.
 a. global c. partial
 b. united d. subsequent
 ANS: A PTS: 1 DIF: 2 TOP: THEORY
18. What edition of the *Federal Register* would hospital facilities be especially interested in?
 a. October c. January
 b. November or December d. July
 ANS: A PTS: 1 DIF: 2 TOP: THEORY
19. What edition of the *Federal Register* would outpatient facilities be especially interested in?
 a. October c. January
 b. November or December d. July
 ANS: B PTS: 1 DIF: 2 TOP: THEORY
20. What are the three items that the Medicare beneficiaries are responsible for paying before Medicare will begin to pay for services?
 a. personal care items
 b. deductibles, drug costs, personal care items
 c. premiums
 d. deductibles, premiums, and coinsurance
 ANS: D PTS: 1 DIF: 3 TOP: THEORY
21. Medicare funds are collected by:
 a. U.S. Food and Drug Administration c. National Centers for Health Statistics
 b. Social Security Administration d. Department of the Treasury
 ANS: B PTS: 1 DIF: 3 TOP: THEORY
22. CMS handles the daily operation of the Medicare program through the use of ____ ____ ____, formerly Fiscal Intermediaries.
 a. Medical Adjustment Contractor
 b. Medicare Administrative Cooperative
 c. Medicare Administrative Contractors
 d. Medical Administrative Contractors
 ANS: C PTS: 1 DIF: 1 TOP: THEORY
23. Which of the following is NOT a stated goal of the Physician Payment Reform?
 a. decrease Medicare expenditures
 b. assure quality health care at a reasonable cost
 c. limit provider liabilities
 d. redistribute physician payment more equitably
 ANS: C PTS: 1 DIF: 1 TOP: THEORY

35. QIO _____

ANS: Quality Improvement Organizations

PTS: 1 DIF: 3 TOP: THEORY

36. RBRVS _____

ANS: Resource Based Relative Value Scale

PTS: 1 DIF: 3 TOP: THEORY

37. OBRA _____

ANS: Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act

PTS: 1 DIF: 3 TOP: THEORY

38. MAAC _____

ANS: Maximum Actual Allowable Charge

PTS: 1 DIF: 3 TOP: THEORY

39. RVU _____

ANS: Relative Value Unit

PTS: 1 DIF: 3 TOP: THEORY

40. OIG _____

ANS: Office of the Inspector General

PTS: 1 DIF: 3 TOP: THEORY

41. DHHS _____

ANS: Department of Health and Human Services

PTS: 1 DIF: 3 TOP: THEORY

Answer the following.

42. In the role as a medical coder, it is your responsibility to ensure that you code _____ and completely to optimize reimbursement for services provided.

ANS: accurately

PTS: 1 DIF: 3 TOP: THEORY

43. The _____ (two words) is a national dollar amount that is applied to all services paid on the basis of the MFS.

ANS: conversion factor

PTS: 1 DIF: 3 TOP: THEORY

44. The amount determined by multiplying the RVU weight by the geographic index and the conversion factor is called the _____ (two words) amount.

ANS: fee schedule

PTS: 1 DIF: 3 TOP: THEORY

45. For endoscopic procedures, Medicare allows the full value of the highest valued endoscopy, plus the difference between the next highest endoscopy and the _____ endoscopy.

ANS: highest

PTS: 1 DIF: 3 TOP: THEORY

46. The provider or facility is _____ when the payment goes directly to the patient.

ANS: nonparticipating

PTS: 1 DIF: 1 TOP: THEORY

47. Under the RBRVS, the unit value is termed _____ Value Unit.

ANS: Relative

PTS: 1 DIF: 1 TOP: THEORY

MULTIPLE RESPONSE

48. Select the three goals of the Physician Payment Reform.

- a. increase maximum allowable charge
- b. decrease Medicare expenditures
- c. redistribute physician payments more equitably
- d. remove standard rates of increase
- e. clarify the provisions of the physician fee schedule
- f. assure quality health care at a reasonable cost

ANS: B, C, F PTS: 1 DIF: 5 TOP: THEORY

49. Select the three components of the relative value unit.

- a. work
- b. beneficiary
- c. training
- d. malpractice
- e. processing
- f. overhead

ANS: A, D, F PTS: 1 DIF: 5 TOP: THEORY

50. Select the three types of persons eligible for Medicare.

- a. those with permanent kidney failure
- b. those with chronic conditions
- c. those 65 and over
- d. those 60 and over
- e. those with disability benefits

ANS: A, C, E PTS: 1 DIF: 4 TOP: THEORY