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Patient: 1	Date of Service: 08.27.09	Physician: X
<u>Original Coding</u> 67113 SG LT	<u>The Coding Network Coding</u> 67113 LT <u>Packaged Codes</u>	<u>Discussion</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medicare with Supplement • Modifier: -SG is a Medicare modifier. Its use was discontinued on January 1, 2008.
<u>Diagnoses</u> 361.81 361.05	<u>Diagnoses</u> 361.81 361.02 vs. 361.01	<u>Discussion</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Documentation Discrepancy: The procedure title states "partial detachment single defect;" however, the body of the note refers to multiple defects.

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Patient: 2	Date of Service: 07.30.09	Physician: X
<u>Original Coding</u> 67036 SG RT	<u>The Coding Network Coding</u> 67041 ZM RT <u>Packaged Codes</u>	<u>Discussion</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medi-Cal/Cen Cal health • Wrong Code: The surgeon documents removal of tractional membrane from the area of the optic nerve. • Modifier: Medi-Cal modifier –ZM is needed to show the procedure was not performed under general anesthesia (MAC with retrobulbar block). • Note: -SG is a Medicare modifier. Its use was discontinued on January 1, 2008.
<u>Diagnoses</u> 379.23	<u>Diagnoses</u> 250.50 362.02 364.41	<u>Discussion</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Missed Diagnosis x 2: The hyphema is documented as due to proliferative diabetic retinopathy. • Wrong Diagnosis: Postoperative diagnosis is hyphema. According to the <i>ICD-9-CM Official Guidelines for Coding and Reporting</i>, Section IV, O. (<i>Diagnostic Coding and Reporting Guidelines for Outpatient Services, Ambulatory Surgery</i>): "For ambulatory surgery, code the diagnosis for which the surgery was performed. If the postoperative diagnosis is known to be different from the preoperative diagnosis at the time the diagnosis is confirmed, select the postoperative diagnosis for coding, since it is the most definitive."

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Patient: 3	Date of Service: 09.16.09	Physician: X
<u>Original Coding</u> 67041 SG	<u>The Coding Network Coding</u> 67041 LT <u>Packaged Codes</u>	<u>Discussion</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medicare with Supplement • Modifier: A laterality modifier is not appended. • Modifier: -SG is a Medicare modifier. Its use was discontinued on January 1, 2008.
<u>Diagnoses</u> 362.56	<u>Diagnoses</u> 362.56	<u>Discussion</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Correct.

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Patient: 4	Date of Service: 04.23.09	Physician: X
<u>Original Coding</u> 67041 SG RT	<u>The Coding Network Coding</u> 67108 ZM RT <u>Packaged Codes</u>	<u>Discussion</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medi-Cal/Cen Cal Health • Wrong Code: The surgeon repairs retinal detachment with endolaser, air-fluid exchange and gas tamponade in addition to vitrectomy with membrane peeling. The retinal detachment repair bundles the membranectomy per CCI edits. • Modifier: Medi-Cal modifier –ZM is needed to show the procedure was not performed under general anesthesia (MAC with retrobulbar block). • Note: -SG is a Medicare modifier. Its use was discontinued on January 1, 2008.
<u>Diagnoses</u> 362.56	<u>Diagnoses</u> 362.56 361.00	<u>Discussion</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Missed Diagnosis: Rhegmatogenous retinal detachment.

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Patient: 5	Date of Service: 05.05.09	Physician: X
<u>Original Coding</u> 15823 SG RT 15823 SG LT 67917 SG RT 67917 SG LT 67412 SG RT	<u>The Coding Network Coding</u> 15823 RT 15823 LT 67412 RT 67917 RT 67917 LT <u>Packaged Codes</u>	<u>Discussion</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medicare with Supplement • Modifier x 5: -SG is a Medicare modifier. Its use was discontinued on January 1, 2008. • Sequencing: Procedures with higher reimbursement values should be listed first.
<u>Diagnoses</u> 374.87 374.11 376.89	<u>Diagnoses</u> 374.87 374.89 376.9	<u>Discussion</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wrong Diagnosis: Senile ectropion is not documented; the surgeon documents lower lid laxity. • Wrong Diagnosis: The lesion of the orbit is not specified.

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Patient: 6	Date of Service: 11.03.09	Physician: X
<u>Original Coding</u> 67904 67904 15823 15823 67917 67917	<u>The Coding Network Coding</u> 67904 RT 67904 LT 67917 RT 67917 LT 67900 RT 67900 LT 15826 RT 15826 LT C1713 x 2 <u>Packaged Codes</u>	<u>Discussion</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Triwest WPS • Missed Procedure x 2: Bilateral glabellar rhytidectomy. • Missed Procedure x 2: Bilateral brow ptosis repair. • Missed Implant x 2: Endotine implants. • Unbundled x 2: Per CCI edits the upper lid blepharoplasty bundles into the levator advancement ptosis repair performed through the same incision. • Modifier x 6: Laterality modifiers were not appended.
<u>Diagnoses</u> 374.87 374.33 374.14	<u>Diagnoses</u> 374.87 374.33 374.10 701.8	<u>Discussion</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wrong Diagnosis: The ectropion is not specified as cicatricial. • Missed Diagnosis: Glabellar rhytids.

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Patient: 7	Date of Service: 07.14.09	Physician: X
<u>Original Coding</u> 15823 SG RT 15823 SG LT 67900 SG RT 67900 SG LT	<u>The Coding Network Coding</u> 15823 RT 15823 LT 67900 RT 67900 LT <u>Packaged Codes</u> C1713 x 2	<u>Discussion</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medicare with Supplement • Documentation Discrepancy: A TCA chemical peel is listed in the procedure title; however, it is not described in the body of the note. • Modifier x 4: -SG is a Medicare modifier. Its use was discontinued on January 1, 2008.
<u>Diagnoses</u> 374.87 374.33	<u>Diagnoses</u> 374.87 374.30	<u>Discussion</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wrong Diagnosis: The ptosis is not specified as mechanical.

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Patient: 8	Date of Service: 05.12.09	Physician: X
<u>Original Coding</u> 15823 SG RT 15823 SG LT 67900 SG RT 67900 SG LT	<u>The Coding Network Coding</u> 15823 RT 15823 LT 67900 RT 67900 LT <u>Packaged Codes</u> C1713 x 2	<u>Discussion</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medicare with Supplement • Modifier x 4: -SG is a Medicare modifier. Its use was discontinued on January 1, 2008.
<u>Diagnoses</u> 374.87 374.33	<u>Diagnoses</u> 374.87 374.30	<u>Discussion</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wrong Diagnosis: The ptosis is not specified as mechanical.

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Patient: 9	Date of Service: 11.03.09	Physician: X
<u>Original Coding</u> 15823 SG RT 15823 SG LT 67900 SG RT 67900 SG LT 67917 SG RT 67917 SG LT	<u>The Coding Network Coding</u> 15823 RT 15823 LT 67900 RT 67900 LT 67917 RT 67917 LT 15826 RT 15826 LT <u>Packaged Codes</u>	<u>Discussion</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • United Agricultural Benefits Trusts • Missed Procedure x 2: Bilateral glabellar rhytidectomy. • Note: -SG is a Medicare modifier. Its use was discontinued on January 1, 2008.
<u>Diagnoses</u> 374.87 374.33 374.14	<u>Diagnoses</u> 374.87 374.30 374.10 701.8	<u>Discussion</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wrong Diagnosis: The ptosis is not specified as mechanical. • Wrong Diagnosis: The ectropion is not specified as cicatricial. • Missed Diagnosis: Glabellar rhytids.