



National Public Radio, Kaiser Health News Quote Michael Arrigo as Expert in Medical Billing

NEWPORT BEACH, CA, USA, November 13, 2018 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Medical coding and billing transparency is essential for \$3.5 trillion in spending.

On Monday, October 29th, 2018, the Morning Edition of National Public Radio (NPR) and Kaiser Health News (KHN) reported on their investigation of an unusually high-cost medical charge for an allergy test used to determine what elements cause dermatitis in its [Bill of the Month](#) segment.

Michael Arrigo was quoted as an expert in medical billing in the story. Arrigo commented on the usual, customary and reasonable cost of an allergy test described as "Patch or application test(s) that are typically performed to test for contact allergies that cause dermatitis. "This test is described using the American Medical Association's CPT Procedure Code 95044. Michael Arrigo stated, "Medical coding and billing create underlying data elements used in patient records and healthcare claims. The U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) now estimates that total health spending will be nearly \$3.5 trillion in 2018. Therefore, it is essential for health care consumers to understand diagnosis and procedure codes, medically necessary care, and their economic value in health care and related financial and legal transactions.

"Patch tests expose the skin to multiple allergenic extracts, typically between 20 to 30 possible allergens. The patches are applied to the arm or back and are left in place for 48 hours. The patient is instructed not to bathe or engage in physical activity that causes heavy perspiration. The patient returns to the office 48 hours later, the patches are removed, and the physician or other qualified health care professional identify any allergic reaction, such as redness and inflammation.

The results are interpreted, and a written report is provided that specifies the absence/presence/degree of allergic reaction to each allergen applied to the skin on a patch. There is an associated Ambulatory Procedure Code (APC) which may be applied if the diagnostic test is provided in an ambulatory surgery center (ASC). In the unlikely event that the service is performed in this setting, the fee is likely to be a few hundred dollars. In this case, the provider charged over \$48,000.

Read more about a patient and her journey to find the answers regarding her medical bill.

About Michael Arrigo

Michael is Managing Partner & CEO of [No World Borders](#). Arrigo was recently retained by the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) regarding a significant false claims act investigation. He served as an expert in a case before the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) regarding the national economic importance of medical coding and access to data related to anti-trust and fair access to healthcare data.

He serves as [an expert witness](#) in Federal and State Court and is affirmed as an expert by two U.S. District Judges in Medicare fraud, medical coding, medical billing, fraud damages, and

electronic health records (EHRs).

He serves as a healthcare patent expert witness in intellectual property disputes, both as a Technical Expert and a Damages expert, and as a HIPAA expert witness. He currently serves as an expert witness regarding opioid prescribing practices, data analysis, and damages. He leads a team that provides HIPAA Privacy and Security as well as healthcare Cybersecurity best practices for healthcare clients, Meaningful Use of Electronic Health Records. He advises legal teams regarding usual and customary cost of care, the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and benefits enrollment, white collar crime, False Claims Act, Anti-Kickback, Stark Law, Insurance Fraud, payor-provider disputes, and consults to venture capital and private equity firms on mHealth, Cloud Computing in Healthcare, and Software as a Service (SaaS).

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