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## AANS Sends Disagreement Letter on Spinal Coding Edits

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The American Association of Neurological Surgeons sent a letter of disagreement to the National Correct Coding Initiative Niles R. Rosen, MD, responding to a new proposal.

AANS originally requested comment on the proposal in July and received a letter of agreement. The most recent letter disagrees with NCCI's explanation and argues against the codes 22630 and 22633.

"Overall, we feel that considering code 63042 as an inclusive component of 22633 would not represent the surgical services performed and severe sedation intensity required for those who have had prior surgeries," stated the letter.

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