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**War on Doctors - Imprisoned for Coding Error**

A skilled vascular surgeon is in jail. Medicare accused him of making false statements in two surgeries he performed ten years ago. He had submitted payment codes which the feds said were for more complex procedures in order to get paid more.

There’s just one problem. There are no exact codes for the innovative procedures the doctor used, so he picked the ones most similar. He even picked ones that paid less. The government found 2 errors in 2400 surgical reports. They sent him to prison for 10 months. The prosecutor is disturbed that the doctor doesn’t think he did anything wrong. Tell me: will there be any doctors left when you need one?