



SMSNA RECOGNIZES BOSTON SCIENTIFIC FOR ITS ADVOCACY AND SUPPORT

Boston Scientific continues to partner with the SMSNA to advocate for patient access to much needed urological procedures and for physician access to the best available technology. A case in point is Boston Scientific's recent success in protecting the integrity of the Medicare outpatient hospital payment group for Men's Health procedures, which directly contributed to a 9% increase in the Medicare outpatient hospital payment for Penile Prosthesis and Artificial Urinary Sphincter procedures for 2018.

SMSNA appreciates Boston Scientific's advocacy and support for the field of sexual medicine.

- **When the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) reassigned the procedure code for Laparoscopic Partial Nephrectomy into the same hospital payment group as Penile Prosthesis and Artificial Urinary Sphincter procedures for 2017, Boston Scientific challenged the move.**
- **By meeting with CMS staff and through their written public comments, Boston Scientific established the clinical incongruity of the reassignment. They also demonstrated how the Lap Nephrectomy's lack of an implantable device would present a drag on rate setting for a payment group predicated on implants.**
- **As a result of Boston Scientific's advocacy, CMS agreed to restore the clinical integrity of the Men's Health payment group for 2018 by removing the Laparoscopic Partial Nephrectomy procedure.**
- **The removal directly contributed to a 9% increase in the Medicare outpatient hospital payment for Men's Health procedures in 2018.**
- **Such an increase helps ensure patient access to Penile Prosthesis and Artificial Urinary Sphincter procedures while enhancing physician access to their preferred implants and related equipment.**