

PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL CODERS DAY

- WHEREAS: Professional medical coders provide invaluable support to physicians, hospitals, clinics and patients; and
- WHEREAS: The use of medical codes for disease and injury prevention has contributed to understanding correlations in illness and injury to treatment, including heart disease and stroke, viral infections, infectious diseases and motor vehicle and workplace injuries; and
- WHEREAS: The need for qualified medical coders continues to increase nationally in physician office, outpatient and hospital settings in the State of Georgia; and
- WHEREAS: The integrity and high standards of medical coders have contributed to the US Department of Health and Human Services' campaign against fraud and abuse in medical reimbursement; and
- WHEREAS: Georgia's eleven local chapters of the American Academy of Professional Coders and all medical coders throughout the state are recognized for their dedication and contributions to the optimal health of all Georgians; now
- THEREFORE: I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim March 15, 2006, as PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL CODERS DAY in Georgia and encourage the people of Georgia to recognize the valuable contributions of medical coders.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 12th day of December in the year of our Lord two thousand five.