

### **Case Study # 3 - Salvatore**

Dr. Orthopedist performs a Total Knee Replacement on a 78yo female w/o a signed INPT order. Without a signed pre-op order:

- a) The hospital must write off the IPO surgery
- b) The surgeon has 3 days to write an INPT order to get coverage
- c) The order can be written after 3 days post op just as long as it is written before discharge and the surgery will be covered by Medicare
- d) The order cannot be written after 3 days have passed

ANSWER - b