

Coding and Reimbursement Digest

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Health Policy and Economics

[Momentum continues for renal denervation as CMS considers national Medicare coverage](#)
[Interventional radiologists across the globe agree: Specialty must increase awareness](#)



Thank you to our Revenue Cycle Management (RCM) course presenters. This two-day course educated on the fundamentals of healthcare reimbursement, coding and billing to strengthen interventional radiology practice's financial foundation. Physicians and healthcare business leaders often face challenges due to limited training in revenue cycle management. This course offered hands-on learning to bridge these knowledge gaps and provides essential tools for effective financial literacy.

SIR attended the AMA Relative Value Scale Update Committee (RUC)

SIR's RUC Advisor Minhaj S. Khaja, MD, MBA, FSIR, RUC Alternate Advisor Robert J. Kennedy, MD, FSIR, CPT® Advisor Ashok Bhanushali, MD, MBA, FSIR, and staff attended the AMA RUC meeting Jan. 14–18. The SIR team presented four code sets to the Practice Expense Subcommittee and RUC panel and one action plan to the Relativity Assessment Workgroup.

RUC meetings are confidential. However, CMS will address these value recommendations in the 2027 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule. At that time, all RUC recommendations, minutes and votes are publicly available online. Please direct your questions to economics@sirweb.org.

New Carrier Advocacy Coverage Letters

SIR's Carrier Advocacy workgroup has developed two new evidence-based coverage letters:

- Yttrium-90 (Y-90) transarterial radioembolization (TARE) as a treatment for hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC)
- Radiofrequency Ablation of Benign Thyroid Nodules

These letters are free to SIR members and are created to help our members overturn carrier policy, denied authorizations, and rejected claims visit the [IR Business Center](#) to download your copy today.

Coding Application and Guidance

The SIR coding application and guidance workgroup are devoted to eliminating barriers in IR billing by providing coding guidance to SIR members. In addition, our team constructs IR educational content to stimulate the demand for high-quality billing by increasing the value of SIR member resources. [Ask your coding question here.](#)



IR books and resources

- [IR Coding Update book and charge sheets](#)
- [2025 Navigator® Interventional Radiology Procedures](#)
- [2025 Navigator® Evaluation and Management Services for Radiology](#)
- [IR Common Missed Coding Revenue](#)

IR Quarterly

- [Fall 2024 Three new Category III codes](#)
- [Special edition Selective internal radiation therapy \(SIRT\) with Y-90](#)
- [Summer 2024 Coding for thoracic duct cannulation](#)
- [Spring 2024 Intraoperative computed tomography](#)