

Coding and Reimbursement Digest

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Health Policy and Economics

[Recruiting struggles force large hospitals to enact a 'drastic reduction' in IR](#)
[Access to pediatric care is rapidly eroding](#)

New Category III CPT Codes

On July 1 the AMA released new [category III CPT® codes](#) that are effective January 1, 2025. 3D contour simulation of a targeted liver lesion(s) 0944T and placement of a bone marrow implant 0901T are included in this release. The use of a Category III code allows physicians and other qualified health care professionals to identify emerging technologies, services and procedures for clinical efficacy, utilization, and outcomes. Category III codes are generally archived after five years and may or may not eventually receive a Category I CPT code. The full list of early released category III codes can be found [here](#).

Redetermination Submission Checklist

A Celerian Group Company (CSG) recently released a [redetermination submission checklist](#). This checklist provides a comprehensive list of required information on the request form and commonly needed supporting documents for different types of services. By using the checklist before submitting your redetermination request, you can ensure all required documentation is included. This proactive approach helps avoid unfavorable appeal outcomes and the need for subsequent appeal levels.

RUC Survey

SIR will close the American Medical Association (AMA) Specialty Society Relative Value Scale Update Committee (RUC) Survey on Friday, July 12. The survey covers prostate biopsy services and was sent randomly to SIR members. Survey data will be aggregated, analyzed, and presented at the September 2024 RUC meeting in Washington, D.C. Values approved by the RUC will be relayed to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for review and final valuation in the 2026 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule. Involvement from SIR members is crucial to provide CMS with representative physician work and time recommendations. Your participation in this process is appreciated. If you have questions, or for more information, [contact Ashley Maleki](#), SIR senior manager of health policy and economics.



IR books and resources

- [IR Coding Update book and charge sheets](#)
- [2024 Navigator® Interventional Radiology Procedures](#)
- [2024 Navigator® Evaluation and Management Services for Radiology](#)
- [IR Common Missed Coding Revenue](#)

IR billing and coding courses

- [2023 SIR Revenue Cycle Management course](#)
- [2023 Coding Update On-demand](#)

IR Carrier advocacy coverage letters

- [Endometrial Biopsy prior to uterine artery embolization \(UAE\)](#)
- [Endovascular arteriovenous fistula \(EndoAVF\)](#)
- [Liver-directed therapy \(SIRT/TARE\)](#)
- [Ovarian and internal iliac vein embolization](#)
- [Percutaneous bone cryoablation](#)
- [Percutaneous renal cryoablation](#)
- [Prostate artery embolization \(PAE\)](#)
- [Pulmonary cryoablation](#)
- [Uterine fibroid embolization \(UFE\) and uterine artery embolization \(UAE\)](#)
- [Varicocele/gonadal embolization](#)
- [Venous angioplasty and stent placement](#)

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- [Summer 2024 Coding for thoracic duct cannulation](#)
- [Spring 2024 Intraprocedural computed tomography](#)