

Coding and Reimbursement Digest

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Health Policy and Economics

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SIR submits comments to the 2024 MPFS proposed rule

On Sept. 8, the Society of Interventional Radiology (SIR) submitted a [comment letter](#) to the proposed [2024 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule](#) (MPFS) rule. SIR commented on the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) proposed decrease of 3.36% in the conversion factor (CF) for CY 2024. The CF affects all Relative Value Units (RVUs), including physician work, practice expense, and malpractice RVUs.

In addition, SIR commented on the proposed aggregate reduction of 4% in interventional radiology aggregate allowable charges, composed of a 1% decrease in physician work and a 3% decrease in practice expenses (equipment, supplies, and clinical staff). If the proposed cuts are finalized, the combined impact would be an approximate 5% decrease in reimbursement for IR services performed in the office/non-facility setting (e.g., office-based labs) and a 3% decrease for IR services performed in the facility setting (e.g., hospital-based practices). At the individual code level, IR will see decreases as high as 6.6% in reimbursement for procedures treating peripheral arterial disease (PAD), with similar reimbursement reductions for minimally invasive, image-guided treatments for end-stage renal disease and cancer.

2024 ICD-10-CM codes effective Oct. 1, 2023

In June 2023, CMS released the 2024 International Classification of Diseases-10-Clinical Modifications (ICD-10-CM) diagnosis code files. The update contains 395 new, 25 deleted, and 13 revised ICD-10-CM diagnosis codes. These 2024 ICD-10-CM codes go into effect for dates of service on Oct. 1, 2023, through Sept. 30, 2024.

[2024 ICD-10-CM diagnosis codes](#)

[CMS resource](#)

Medicare Part B modifier JZ/JW

Beginning July 1, 2023, a JZ modifier is required on all claims that bill for drugs separately payable under Part B when there's no discarded amount from single-dose containers or single-use packages. Claims that bill for separately payable drugs under Part B from single-dose containers that don't report the JW or JZ modifier on or after July 1, 2023, may be subject to audits. Claim editing starts on Oct. 2, 2023, when JW or JZ modifiers aren't used correctly. Note: that reporting of modifiers JW and JZ are NOT required for administered medications already included (described) in existing HCPCS codes, only for separately payable medication used from single-use containers.

[MLN Matters CR 13056](#)

[Billing and Coding: JW and JZ Modifier Billing Guidelines](#)

[CMS has also published a FAQ on the use of JW and JZ](#)



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

- [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](#)

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- [Spring 2023 percutaneous arteriovenous fistula \(AVF\) creation](#)
- [Summer 2023 intravascular ultrasound \(IVUS\)](#)

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- [Submit your coding question to our experts.](#)
- [Submit your denied IR procedure.](#)