

Coding and Reimbursement Digest

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Health Policy and Economics

[OBLs Can Positively Impact Patients' Access to Affordable Care At A Local Level](#)
[Which interventional radiology procedure is most cost-effective for treating knee osteoarthritis](#)

AMA CPT Editorial Panel

The Society of Interventional Radiology requested Current Procedure Terminology® (CPT®) codes at the September 2024 American Medical Association (AMA) CPT Editorial Panel meeting. The meeting was the final of three meetings to update codes for the 2026 CPT code cycle. If approved, Category III codes will be posted on the AMA website Jan 1, 2025, and take effect July 1, 2025, and Category I codes will take effect Jan. 1, 2026. Approval of the codes at the Sept 2024 meeting should be posted in October and can be found on the [Editorial Summary of Panel Actions](#) AMA website

AMA Relative Value Scale Update Committee

RUC Survey preparations for the January 2025 RUC meeting will begin in October 2024. If you receive a RUC survey from SIR for a procedure that you perform, please complete it as soon as possible. SIR members are randomly selected to participate in the survey. The RUC is a unique multispecialty committee dedicated to describing the resources required to provide physician services, which the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) considers in developing Relative Value Units (RVUs). Although the RUC provides recommendations, CMS makes all final decisions about what Medicare payments will be. [Understanding the RUC Survey Instrument](#)

Navigating the IR revenue cycle to increase your bottom line

Learn how to put more money into your pockets with the [SIR Revenue Cycle Management](#) course happening Jan. 24–25, 2025, in Atlanta! Learn how to identify the revenue gaps within your practice and receive the skills to overcome these problems. Gain formal training in healthcare revenue, coding, billing, and coverage when you [claim your 2-for-1 registration!](#) If you are a physician attendee, you can bring your practice manager or **other** business leader for free! Additionally, if you register today, you can claim early-bird pricing and receive 25% off the [SIR | IR Coding Academy!](#)

Now available: 2023 Merit-based Incentive Payment System updates

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has released Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) performance feedback and final scores for the 2023 performance year and associated MIPS payment adjustment information for the 2025 payment year. Log into the CMS [Quality Payment Program \(QPP\) portal](#) to review your final 2023 MIPS performance year scores. If a physician or practice believes there is an error in calculating their MIPS score or accompanying payment adjustment for the 2025 payment year/2023 performance year, you can request a targeted review now until **Oct. 11, 2024, at 8 p.m. ET** through the QPP portal. More information on the targeted review process can be found [on the CMS website](#).



Health policy actions AMA

- [Comment Letters](#)
- [SIR FY 2025 IPPS FR summary](#)
- [SIR MPFS PR CY 2025 summary](#)
- [SIR MPFS PR CY 2025 impact analysis](#)
- [SIR HOPPS CY 2025 summary](#)
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IR books and resources

- [IR Coding Update book and charge sheets](#)
- [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](#)

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

SIR members, we are here to help

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