



Coding and Reimbursement Updates

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Health Policy and Economics

[Medicare Coverage of Innovative Technology \(MCIT\) Proposed Rule \(CY 2022\)](#)

[Comment letter](#)

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[National Coverage Determination \(NCD\) 240.6](#)

CMS posted a decision memo removing the national coverage determination (NCD) for transvenous (catheter) pulmonary embolectomy (NCD 240.6)

[CMS NCD 240.6 final decision memo](#)

[Carrier Advocacy Coverage Letters](#)

SIR has become aware of carriers denying coverage for IR procedures and have developed evidence-based coverage letters to help our members overturn these denials. Below is one of our advocacy letters that was recently updated to add supporting literature:

- prostatic artery embolization for treatment of lower urinary tract symptoms attributed to benign prostatic artery embolization (PAE)

[CPT and RUC](#)

The AMA hosted a virtual meeting for the RVS update committee (RUC) from Oct 6-9, 2021. SIR presented practice expense recommendations for fluoroscopy and ultrasound guidance at the RUC meeting. CMS will post the final value for these codes will be released in the 2023 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (MPFS) final rule. Preparations for the Jan.12-15,2022 RUC meeting has already begun, and surveys went out to SIR membership Oct.29,2021.

[Coding Application and Guidance](#)

The SIR coding team has also answered several coding and reimbursement related questions from our members this year. Do you have a coding question? If so, [click here](#) and ask it now.



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