**Coding and Reimbursement Updates**  
*September 2021*

**Health Policy and Economics**

Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (MPFS) Proposed Rule (CY 2022)  
[Comment letter](#)

Medicare Hospital Prospective Payment System (HOPPS) Proposed Rule (CY 2022)  
[Comment letter](#)

SIR signs onto the Clinical Labor Coalition (CLC) letter  
[Comment letter](#)

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National Coverage Determination (NCD) 240.6  
CMS posted a decision memo proposing to remove the national coverage determination (NCD) for transvenous (catheter) pulmonary embolectomy (NCD 240.6) - [CMS NCD 240.6 proposed 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. Our team has the following letters ready for you to use today:

- ovarian and internal iliac vein embolization as a treatment of pelvic venous disease
- pulmonary cryoablation for the treatment of pulmonary tumor(s)
- uterine fibroid embolization (UFE) and uterine artery embolization for the treatment of uterine fibroids and adenomyosis
- 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 CPT Editorial Panel on Sept 30- Oct 2, 2021. SIR along with several specialty societies led a Category I code change for percutaneous arteriovenous fistula creation at the CPT Editorial Panel. If approved, the new Category I codes will be released on January 1, 2023.

**Coding Application and Guidance**
Our coding team has updated our IR E/M coding audit tool, E/M instructions tool, and global day worksheets. These resources can be found on our [E/M and telemedicine toolkit page](#). The SIR coding team has also answered several coding questions from our members this year. Do you have a coding question? If so, [click here](#) and ask it now.

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