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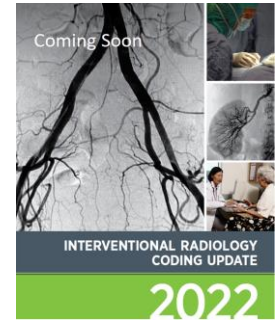
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SIR has become aware of carriers denying coverage for IR procedures and have developed evidence-based coverage letters to help our members overturn these denials. Our team has the following letters ready for you to use today: Ovarian and internal iliac vein embolization as a treatment of pelvic venous disease (pelvic congestion syndrome, pulmonary cryoablation for the treatment of pulmonary tumor(s), uterine artery embolization for the treatment of uterine fibroids and adenomyosis, prostatic artery embolization (PAE) for treatment of lower urinary tract symptoms attributed to benign prostatic hyperplasia (BPH), varicocele/gonadal embolization treatment for males, and percutaneous cryoablation for treatment of solid renal masses and localized renal cancer. Upcoming letters for CY 2022: Venous stenting and bone ablation.

[CPT and RUC](#)

The AMA will host a virtual meeting for the RVS update committee (RUC) from Jan 12-15, 2022. The SIR RUC team members and staff will attend and have completed final preparations for the meeting. The AMA CPT® Editorial Panel meeting is Feb 3-5, 2022, and our team has finalized comments for this upcoming meeting. The SIR CPT team members and staff will attend virtually.

[Coding Application and Guidance](#)

The SIR coding team has completed working on the 2022 annual coding update. The update will be in both eBook and PDF format for 2022 and will be available for membership by end of January 2022. Our annual coding webinar will air on Feb 9, 2022, at 7PM. If you haven't registered already, [register here](#). If you have a coding question, [click here](#) and ask it now.

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