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

Coding and Reimbursement
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 hyperplasia (BPH)

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.