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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 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.



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