



Coding and Reimbursement Digest

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Health policy and economics

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[The 10 best and 10 worst states for physicians](#)

[Female interventional radiologist numbers low, but appear to be rising](#)

[Gadolinium can be used as substitute for iodine contrast in some interventional imaging procedures](#)

[IR proves strong on practicality, profitability—but some cost-inclusive metrics remain to be shown](#)

Liver Directed Therapy (SIRT/TARE)

SIR became aware of carriers denying coverage for SIRT/TARE of metastatic colorectal cancer to the liver. As a result, our Carrier advocacy workgroup has developed an evidence-based letter to help members overturn these denials. You can find the letter by clicking [here](#). All you need to do is add your information to the letter and send it to the carrier that has denied your services.

Evidence-based comment letters

SIR signed comment letters with the Alliance of Specialty Medicine, and Spine Intervention Society. These letters addressed: LCDs for sacroiliac joint injections, the proposed rule for pre-requisite training for interventional pain management and advancing interoperability and improving prior-auth processes. For more information, see the [SIR Reimbursement claims and appeals page](#).

2023 Revenue Cycle Management course

The SIR Economics team offered a one-day in-person revenue cycle management course in Mar 2023. This course provided in-depth coding, billing, and revenue cycle education to support financially sound performance improvements by some of the top Physicians and leaders in interventional radiology. This CME and RCCB CEU accredited course is designed to help IRs and their practice administrators improve front, middle, and back-end revenue cycle processes. If you missed the live course, the on-demand will be available soon at the [SIR Learning Center](#).

CPT® Editorial Panel and RVS Update Committee (SIR members only)

SIR will attend RVS Update Committee (RUC) meeting in Apr 2023 and the AMA CPT® Editorial Panel in May 2023. Stay tuned to the [SIR CPT®-RUC process page](#) for updates.

Coding application and guidance (SIR members only)

The SIR coding application and guidance workgroup are devoted to eliminating barriers in IR billing by providing coding guidance to SIR members. In addition, our team constructs IR educational content to stimulate the demand for high-quality billing by increasing the value of SIR member resources. [Ask your coding question here](#).

SIR members, do you need help with a denial? (SIR members only)

[Click here](#) to submit your pre-auth or claims denial for review by our Carrier advocacy team.