

You can impact the Reimbursement for Cardiac CT and Coronary CT Angiography Services

Dear SCCT Member:

In October 2013, the American Medical Association (AMA) Relative Value Update Committee (RUC) will conduct a review of new technology codes including cardiac CT services (CPT codes 75571 – 75574). After this review you may be asked to complete a physician work survey – potentially late this year or early in 2014.

The survey from AMA will ask you to complete questions that will in part determine reimbursement values for cardiac CT/coronary CTA. The questions will be used to update information about the physician work involved in providing these services and will indirectly capture information on the practice expense and malpractice liability expense involved in the provision of cardiac CT services.

The RUC is an expert panel that makes recommendations to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) about values for specific medical services. CMS in turn considers the RUC recommendations and assigns reimbursement payment amounts for medical services.

It is absolutely crucial that you call this survey to the attention of your staff and that you, the physician, fill it out accurately and completely. This survey will form the basis of RUC recommended values for cardiac CT/coronary CTA services.

The consequences of inaction on your part could result in a low survey response rate, incomplete and inaccurate survey responses, as well as data not representative of the work associated with your practice. If this happens, the results may be skewed and may result in lower physician values.

If you don't complete the survey, your work will not be counted toward determining reimbursement, it is that simple.

We need your help to ensure that you are appropriately reimbursed for the work you perform. We need dedicated members to commit to filling out the survey accurately and completely in order to have the best chance of valuing cardiac CT/coronary CTA services appropriately.

If we can count on you to help in this effort, please fill out the attached Survey Commitment Form and return it to the SCCT2013 registration desk so we can keep you advised of the process. If you have questions about this process or require additional information, please contact info@scct.org.

Sincerely,



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