

## Final Committee Objectives 2024-25

### Coding and Nomenclature Advisory Committee

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1. Provide subject matter expertise to identify and analyze Medicare, Medicaid, and private payer claims processing policies that deviate from CPT principles and/or documentation guidelines and recommend strategic solutions.
  - Track payer issues such as denials, rates, appeals, and pay for performance.
  - Track activity related to the 2023 CPT documentation guideline changes.
  - Monitor the Recovery Audit Contractor (RAC), and other audit activities, and react appropriately to issues affecting emergency medicine. Monitor changes in facility reimbursement.
2. Track ICD-10 implementation and continue to provide educational material on ICD-10 for members to aid in their reimbursement.
  - Collaborate with content experts from the Quality & Performance Committee to ensure ACEP measures use appropriate ICD-10-CM/PCS mapping assignments.
  - Provide subject matter expertise and continue to monitor the impact of ICD-10 implementation, evaluate the effect on reimbursement, and modify educational materials as needed. Investigate working with EHR vendors to improve ED documentation.
  - Monitor developments and provide education on the eventual adoption of ICD-11.
3. Continue to advocate nationally for emergency medicine issues through the AMA CPT process and through possible CMS development of physician or facility documentation guidelines.
  - Continue to seek further clarity on the CPT 2023 guidelines.
  - Advocate for continued use of telehealth for ED related E/M codes after the public health emergency.
  - Monitor efforts for transparency and claims processing edits. Explore development of an ED-specific code, such as using alternative payment models (APMs), for care coordination or transition to the post-acute setting.
4. Identify and develop educational materials such as articles, webinars, and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) to provide members with up-to-date information that will facilitate an effective balance between optimal coding and compliance.
  - Explore innovative ways to provide educational material to members.
  - Produce educational materials related to the 2023 CPT Documentation Guideline changes for ED E/M codes.