


**American College of Radiology  
Contractor Advisory Committee (CAC)  
Network Breakfast Meeting  
Monday, May 08, 2023, from 7:00 – 8:15 AM (ET)  
Room: Jefferson East**

**Agenda**

- I. Welcoming Remarks...Sammy Chu, MD, FACR, Chair, ACR Radiology CAC Network**
- II. CAC Network Update**
  - a) Review of CAC role and LCD development process
  - b) CAC Representative Expectations & Engage Platform
  - c) CAC Mentorship Program
  - d) 2023 LCDs and Billing & Coding articles (PDF file)
- III. 2022-23 Issues in Radiation Oncology**
  - a) Economic and Payer Relations Updates
- IV. Recap of 2022-23 Local Coverage Successes and Challenges**
  - CMS released a final local coverage determination (LCD) for Sacroiliac Joint Injections and Procedures. The LCD, which goes into effect in March, was developed and adopted by five out of seven MACs. [Download local coverage policies.](#)
  - Breast imagers in NY and IL are being audited by Medicare and experiencing claim denials related to breast US for screening; Medicare does not pay for a breast ultrasound when performed as a screening study, only for diagnostic purposes. Breast Imaging, Economic Policy, and Government Relations experts convened virtually to discuss this coverage topic. Dr. Dana H. Smetherman served as a guest columnist for the [ACR Bulletin](#) and [Voice of Radiology](#) blog to communicate this important policy to ACR members.
  - Multi-Society Meeting with CMS on LCD Process Improvements. Development of a document [Principles for Sound Local Coverage Policies.](#)
  - Multi-jurisdictional CAC Meeting on Trigger Point Injections and Non-Invasive Technology for Coronary Artery Plaque Analysis.
- V. Open Forum on CAC Meetings & Engagement with Medical Directors**
  - Regional variations in requested participation of CAC members by MAC CMD.
  - Seek feedback from CAC members: Activities in each state, meetings with MACs or CMDs.
  - Capture state chapter efforts/ top priorities for coverage and payment decisions
- VI. New Business/Open Discussion**

- CMS Medicare Evidence Development and Coverage Advisory Committee (MEDCAC) panel meeting occurred on February 13-14, 2023. This meeting examined updates to the Coverage with Evidence Development (CED) requirements. The meeting material and recordings are posted on the Medicare Coverage Database [website](#).
- Staff informed members via Advocacy in Action that beginning July 1, 2023, Facet Joint Interventions has been added to the Hospital Outpatient Department Prior Authorization program. This update is relevant to interventional radiologists as it will require prior authorization as a condition of payment for facet joint interventions. [Learn more](#).
- Letter to CMS on Non-coverage of Bone Mass Measurement Category III codes (0554T-0558T).
- Palmetto Open Meeting to discuss CT Perfusion Analysis – Date/time TBD
- Any outstanding coverage issues with MACs?



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## Local Coverage Updates March through May 2023

<b>ID</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Contractor</b>	<b>Updated On</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
<a href="#">L34338</a>	Transthoracic Echocardiography (TTE)	CGS Administrators, LLC	4/6/2023	5/28/2023
<a href="#">A59357</a>	Response to Comments: Transthoracic Echocardiography (TTE)	CGS Administrators, LLC	4/6/2023	4/13/2023
<a href="#">A57306</a>	Billing and Coding: Transthoracic Echocardiography (TTE)	CGS Administrators, LLC	4/6/2023	5/28/2023
<a href="#">A56467</a>	Billing and Coding: Laser Ablation of the Prostate	CGS Administrators, LLC (MAC - Part A, MAC - Part B)	03/15/2023	03/23/2023
<a href="#">L34090</a>	Laser Ablation of the Prostate	CGS Administrators, LLC (MAC - Part A, MAC - Part B)	03/15/2023	03/23/2023
<a href="#">A57125</a>	Billing and Coding: Non-Invasive Evaluation of Extremity Veins	First Coast Service Options, Inc. (MAC - Part A, MAC - Part B)	03/17/2023	12/19/2022
<a href="#">A57215</a>	Billing and Coding: MRI and CT Scans of the Head and Neck	Noridian Healthcare Solutions, LLC (MAC - Part A, MAC - Part B)	03/17/2023	10/01/2022
<a href="#">A57204</a>	Billing and Coding: MRI and CT Scans of the Head and Neck	Noridian Healthcare Solutions, LLC (MAC - Part A, MAC - Part B)	03/17/2023	10/01/2022
<a href="#">A58350</a>	Billing and Coding: Facet Joint Interventions for Pain Management	Palmetto GBA	4/3/2023	4/13/2023
<a href="#">A56476</a>	Billing and Coding: Cardiac Radionuclide Imaging	Palmetto GBA (MAC - Part A, MAC - Part B)	03/14/2023	03/23/2023
<a href="#">L33457</a>	Cardiac Radionuclide Imaging	Palmetto GBA (MAC - Part A, MAC - Part B)	03/14/2023	03/23/2023
<a href="#">L38769</a>	Computed Tomography Cerebral Perfusion Analysis (CTP)	Palmetto GBA (MAC - Part A, MAC - Part B)	03/10/2023	03/16/2023
<a href="#">A58354</a>	Billing and Coding: Computed Tomography Cerebral Perfusion Analysis (CTP)	Palmetto GBA (MAC - Part A, MAC - Part B)	03/10/2023	03/16/2023
<a href="#">A58477</a>	Billing and Coding: Facet Joint Interventions for Pain Management	WPS Insurance Corporation (MAC - Part A, MAC - Part B)	3/22/2023	03/30/2023
<a href="#">L38841</a>	Facet Joint Interventions for Pain Management	WPS Insurance Corporation	03/22/2023	03/30/2023

		(MAC - Part A, MAC - Part B)		
<a href="#">A56902</a>	Billing and Coding: Category III Codes	WPS Insurance Corporation (MAC - Part A, MAC - Part B)	04/21/2023	04/27/2023
<a href="#">L35490</a>	Category III Codes	WPS Insurance Corporation (MAC - Part A, MAC - Part B)	04/21/2023	04/27/2023