The CPT Process

ACR Member Physician & Staff See Need for New Code or Updates to Existing Code

ACR Staff Submits a Coding Request Form to the AMA

AMA Staff Review Proposed Changes

AMA Staff Submits Request to CPT Advisory Committee

AMA's CPT Advisory Committee Reviews Request

AMA CPT Advisory Committee Presents Request to the AMA CPT Panel (at their Meeting Held 3 Times/Year)

AMA CPT Panel Reviews and Decides on Request

AMA CPT Panel Rejects Proposal

CPT Panel Postpones/Tables Proposal

CPT Panel Approves Proposal to Add/Revise Code or Revise Existing Nomenclature

CTP Panel Refers Change to the AMA RUC for Valuation

The RUC Process

AMA RUC Notifies Member Societies of the New/Revised Code

Sponsoring Society (e.g. ACR) and Other Interested Societies Conduct a Survey for New Code

Sponsoring Society (e.g. ACR) Presents Survey Results and Recommendations to the RUC

RUC Makes a Decision

RUC Refers Approved Values to CMS for Consideration

RUC Defers Decision to Next Meeting (Resurvey or Revisit Valuation)

ACR gathers additional information to support valuation in next meeting.

The CMS Process

CMS Reviews CPT Codes and Valuation

CMS Releases Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (MPFS) Proposed Rule and Values

Public Comment Period for Proposed Values

CMS Publishes MPFS with Final Values for the Following Calendar Year

Public Comment Period for Final Values