

Coding and Reimbursement Committee
Committee Charter



Purpose	The Coding and Reimbursement Committee serves the Society through educating AUGS members on current coding procedures and advocating for favorable physician payment.
Ongoing Committee Activities / Committee Charges & Strategies	<p>The committee undertakes the following activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creating factsheets on coding • Educating members on coding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Includes participation as speakers for annual Practice Management Course (virtual), annual Coding Workshop at PFD Week (in person), and annual Coding Webinars (virtual) ○ Writing articles/tips and tricks for Coding Alerts, monthly newsletter and Journal • Participating in the online coding community and responding to member coding questions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Members are assigned a month in which they take the lead in responding to member coding questions • Sharing information regarding the Proposed Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Rule and contributing to AUGS' comment letter(s). • Communicating any proposed changes for the upcoming year • Exploring and advocating, as appropriate, for a two-digit subspecialty code • Responding to Commercial Carriers and regional MACs regarding coverage policies for care for pelvic floor disorders. Review and provide input on external requests for support related to physician payment and coding (in accordance with AUGS policy on External Document Support) • Reviewing and contributing content to additional AUGS regulatory comment letter(s) and RFIs in response to CMS and Congress on Medicare payment issues. • Reviewing national organization sign on letters regarding Medicare Physician Payment Issues. • Monitoring actions by AMA CPT, RUC, CMS, and Congress on payment issues that impact AUGS members and their patients.
Roles and Responsibilities	<p>Chair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Help structure agenda for meetings. • Run an effective meeting to ensure involvement of committee members and the advancement of activities and charges. • Communication with the Board liaison before and after each Board meeting to share updates from the Committee and to hear about new Board initiatives. Report back to the full committee on each discussion with the Board liaison. • Identify, mentor, and groom the next Chair of the Committee. • Assist with structure and selection of committee members. • Review committee member response to coding questions within a timely manner (2-3 business days) <p>Vice Chair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support the Committee Chair to ensure responsibilities are met in a timely manner. • Serve as interim Committee Chair in the absence of the Chair. • Recommend to the Governance Committee individuals to serve as the next Vice Chair.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review committee member response to coding questions within a timely manner (2-3 business days) Ascend to the position of Chair. <p>Members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be prepared and actively participate in all conference calls and meetings. Maintain confidentiality and avoid sharing AUGS information, processes, and work product outside of AUGS Work on projects as delegated by the Chair. Write an article for the AUGS Friday newsletter regarding coding. Write a commentary for the Journal. Update assigned coding fact sheet(s). Answer questions in the online coding community for the duration of one month.
Workgroups and Other Committee Relationships	The Coding and Reimbursement Committee does not oversee any other subcommittee or working group. The Payment Reform Committee merged into the Coding and Reimbursement Committee in 2024.
Expected Commitment	<p>The committee meets monthly via conference call and in-person during the Annual Scientific Meeting. Committee members are expected to review all agenda/materials prior to each meeting, attend the conference calls as schedule, and attend the in-person meeting held during the Annual Scientific Meeting. The in-person meeting will involve a course in coding in which there will be speakers and presentations given on coding practices.</p> <p>The estimated monthly time commitment is 7 hours.</p>
Committee Composition	The AUGS Coding and Reimbursement Committee is comprised of a Chair, Vice Chair, and at least 6 additional members. One position on the Committee should be filled by a junior member who is less than five years post training, as well as a fellow representative. An AUGS Board member will serve as a liaison to this Committee.
Committee Terms	All committee members serve a one (1) year term and are eligible for reappointment. Terms run January 1 – December 31. The Committee Chair and Vice Chair will each serve a two-year term. The Vice Chair should ascend to the role of Chair upon completion of their term as Vice Chair.
Selection/Appointment	Members are appointed by the AUGS Governance Committee with input from the Committee Chair. The Committee Chair is selected by the Governance Committee.
Committee Requirements	<p>Committee Members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Express desire to serve with a special interest in coding and reimbursement. Desire to advance the mission of AUGS. Ability to make the necessary time commitment. Must be a Society member in good standing. Ability to attend and actively participate in conference calls. Knowledge of coding and reimbursement Must adhere to AUGS Conflict of Interest and Disclosure policies.

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	<p>Committee Chair:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• In addition to the above requirements, when possible, the Chair should have previously served as the Committee Vice Chair.• Must adhere to AUGS Conflict of Interest and Disclosure policies. <p>Vice Chair:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• In addition to the above requirements, when possible, the Vice Chair should have previously served as a Committee member.• Must adhere to AUGS Conflict of Interest and Disclosure policies.
Staff Liaison(s)	<p>Stacey Barnes CEO Stacey@aug.s.org</p> <p>AUGS Legislative Consultant</p>