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	The committee undertakes the following activities:
	• Creating factsheets on coding
	• Educating members on coding
	   o Includes participation as speakers for the Business of Medicine Course (virtual), annual Coding Workshop (in person at the Annual Meeting), and annual Coding Webinars (virtual)
	   o Writing articles/tips and tricks for Coding Alerts, monthly newsletter and Journal
	• Participating in the online coding community and responding to member coding questions
	   o 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
	• Support the work of the two-digit subspecialty code task force.
	• 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.
	• Provide input/guidance to industry on CPT code applications or questions under the direction of the Interactions with Industry on CPT Coding policy.

Roles and Responsibilities	Chair • Structure agenda for meetings. • In conjunction with the committee staff liaison, develop committee report for AUGS Board (3x per year). • Run an effective meeting to ensure involvement of committee members and the advancement of activities and charges. • Maintain open communication with assigned Board liaison regarding committee activities • Identify and mentor the next Chair of the Committee. • Assist with the selection of committee members. • Review committee member response to coding questions within a timely manner (2-3 business days) • Serves as liaison to the ACOG CHEC.

	Vice Chair • 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 AUGS Governance Committee individuals to serve as the next Vice Chair. • Ascend to the position of Chair. • Review committee member response to coding questions within a timely manner (2-3 business days). • Serves as alternate liaison to the ACOG CHEC. **Members** • Maintain confidentiality and avoid sharing AUGS information, processes, and work product outside of AUGS • Be prepared and actively participate in all conference calls and meetings. • Work on projects as delegated by the Chair. • Actively participate in ongoing committee activities as outlined above under ongoing Committee activities, charges, and strategies. • 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	The committee meets monthly via conference call and in-person during the Annual Scientific Meeting. Additional committee calls may be necessary throughout the year as needed to fulfill the committee charges. 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 Meeting. The in-person meeting will involve a course in coding in which there will be speakers and presentations given on coding practices.
Committee Composition	The Coding and Reimbursement Committee is comprised of a Chair, Vice Chair, and at least 6 additional members. Committee should include a mix of members across diverse practice settings (i.e., hospital, private practice, etc.) and career stages (i.e., 1-8 years post fellowship, 9-15 years post, fellowship, 16-30 years post fellowship, and 30+ years). Optional: 1-2 additional committee slots may be open to a Fellow at the discretion of the Governance Committee. Total committee size should be considered.

Committee Terms	Terms run January 1 – December 31. All committee members serve a one (1) year term and are eligible for reappointment annually. Members must actively participate in calls and assigned committee projects to be eligible for reappointment. The Committee Chair and Vice Chair will each serve a two-year term. The Vice Chair ascends 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 and Vice Chair. The Committee Vice Chair is selected by the Governance Committee with recommendations from the current Chair and Vice Chair.
Committee Requirements	**Committee Members:** • 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. • Must adhere to AUGS Conflict of Interest and Disclosure policies. • Knowledge of coding and reimbursement **Chair:** • In addition to the above requirements, when possible, the Chair should have previously served as the Committee Vice Chair. **Vice Chair:** • In addition to the above requirements, when possible, the Vice Chair should have previously served as a Committee member.
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