



## CARRIER ADVISORY REPORT



Not much going on this quarter in the Washington State CAC. There were no urology specific LCDs. They are working on getting information out on the MIPS Quality Payment Program and there was a webinar March 14 on the CMS Website.

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CERT (Comprehensive Error Rate Testing) which tracks the improper payment rate nationally is 10.2% Shout out to Washington with an error rate of 4.0%!



I attended the Coding and Reimbursement Committee meeting in DC in addition to the Advocacy Summit in March. The Advisory Work Group is meeting as well. Members of the AUA met with CMS to discuss regulatory relief issues associated with the Advancing Care Information performance category under MIPS. I was unable to go as it was at the same time as our Hill visits. Dr. Jeff Frankel, Dr. Tom Lendvay and myself were the only people from Washington State attending the Advocacy Summit. The primary issues being advocated this year in Washington DC are;

- Transparency for the United States Preventative Service Task Force (USPSTF)
- Address the physician workforce shortages
- Establish an Office of Men's Health in Health and Human Services (HHS)
- Support urology research funding thru the Department of Defense (DoD)
- Urge reducing burden of Certified Electronic Health Record Technology (CEHRT)

The AUA is looking for examples of challenges/financial burdens associated with EHR system upgrades/ongoing maintenance and operational costs or vendor contract restrictions as well as examples of lack of interoperability that interferes with clinician work flow. I can pass these along if anyone has burning issues.

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