



Third Party Payer Task Force  
Committee Report  
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Strategic Plan Section	Description
Goal C1, B3-4	<p>Radiology Benefit Managers (RBMS)</p> <p>Partnering with Outreach Committee to educate third-party payers on nuclear medicine and molecular imaging.</p> <p>First-line response to private payer requests that come to SNMMI.</p>
Financial Reimbursement.	No financial reimbursement will be given.

**Current Working Objectives/Goals (please reference Strategic Plan):**

- Identify the major third party players e.g. the RBM or the insurance company
- Create an inventory of evidence-based guidelines
- Create a toolkit on oncologic F-18 FDG PET to be shared with third party payers which will include:
  - Data on appropriate use
  - Prior CMS decisions
  - NCCN guidelines and other literature that supports additional uses outside of these guidelines
  - Economic impact and cost-effectiveness data
  - Findings of NOPR
- Identify other specialty organization partners
- Monitor member concerns related to Third Party Payers and submit letters or comments when appropriate

**Progress of Charge/Objectives/Goals to Date:**

- A Subcommittee was formed to create the toolkit. A literature search has already been performed and is now available to the group to review. We are also evaluating prior toolkits that have been put together by the SNMMI to see what the right format will be. Our industry partners will be instrumental in helping us identify utility of this formatting and if it should be altered somewhat for better reception by 3<sup>rd</sup> party payers. Thoughts toward a publication have also been given, similar to the supplement on FDG PET in the JNM in 2001.
- The Subcommittee is discussing the formation of Q&A for private payers to be posted on the Coding Corner. This would require resources and needs to be discussed further.
- The Subcommittee continues to monitor the transition to non-HEU Mo-99. The Subcommittee works with the Coding & Reimbursement Committee, the NNSA, CMS and 3<sup>rd</sup> party insurers to determine the appropriate reimbursement rate for the Q code payment.
- Plan to reach out to membership to ask for their assistance on a project monitoring actions of 3<sup>rd</sup> party insurers.

- The Subcommittee recently submitted comments to Highmark Inc. regarding their coverage policy on loflupane I-123 (DaTscan™) imaging.