



Program Description

ACA serves an active and engaged participant on several health policy fronts, including physical medicine code development and valuation, coding guidance, payer engagement, and payment reform. The purpose of the Health Policy Fellowship is to support ACA members who are interested in becoming future ACA health policy leaders through gaining a deeper understanding of these issues and providing subject matter expertise on ACA health policy initiatives.

The Health Policy Fellowship increases ACA’s capacity to contribute expertise and develop comments for federal rulemaking processes or public comment and enhances ACA’s ability to provide representation in roles within external health care organizations, coalitions, or initiatives pertaining to national health policy. By completing this educational program, you will join a cadre of experts who will contribute to the policymaking process in a variety of contexts.

ACA Health Policy Fellowship Program is a year-long course designed to provide exposure to ACA health policy reimbursement and coding activities and develop the next generation of ACA health policy leaders, who will be expected to remain highly active and engaged in the ongoing health policy activities of the Association.

Fellowship Objectives:

- Develop competency and leadership in the creation, revision, and valuation of chiropractic and physical medicine CPT codes through the AMA CPT and RUC processes.
- Observe and develop the capacity to participate in AMA CPT Editorial Panel and RUC meetings.
- Develop a high-level understanding of physical medicine coding and coding guidance, including updating ACA coding resources.
- Understand and learn to strategize on Medicare and third-party payer reimbursement and coverage issues, including the physician fee schedule, Federally Qualified Health Care Center, Community Health Center, and hospital outpatient payment rules.
- Gain knowledge about ACA payer relations subcommittee activities and help innovate on the creation and implementation of new models.
- Serve as content expert to respond to members’ inquiries
- Provide education to delegates/state payer liaisons/representatives monthly or quarterly relative to regional payer relations issues.

Key Dates and Events

Date	Event
January 12, 2024	Selected candidates will be notified.
February 5, 2024 @ 8pm, ET	Health Policy Fellowship Program Orientation, virtual
March 4, 11, 18 and 25, 2024 @ 8pm, ET	ACA Coding and Coverage Virtual Seminar, participant
Apr 24-27, 2024	RUC Meeting – attendance optional*
May 9-11, 2024	CPT Meeting – virtual attendance required
Sept 19-21, 2024	CPT Meeting – virtual attendance required
Sep 25-28, 2024	RUC Meeting – attendance optional*
Jan 15-18, 2025	RUC Meeting – attendance optional*
January 22-25, 2025	ACA Engage 2025, Washington, DC



Date	Event
Feb 6-8, 2025	CPT Meeting – virtual attendance required
February 28, 2025	Final Examination – virtual
March 10, 2025 @ 8pm, ET	Follow-up and debrief meeting

Required reading materials and videos

1. CPT: <https://www.ama-assn.org/about/cpt-editorial-panel/cpt-code-process>
2. RUC: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLpUAhDflHfcoS8gTowxivYpHmsYl8fxZp>

Schedule (Subject to Change)

February 2024

1. February 5, 2024 @ 8pm, ET: Orientation (virtual)

March 2024

1. March 4, 2024 @ 8pm, ET: ACA Coding and Coverage Virtual Seminar Part 1
2. March 11, 2024 @ 8pm, ET: ACA Coding and Coverage Virtual Seminar Part 2
3. March 18, 2024 @ 8pm, ET: ACA Coding and Coverage Virtual Seminar Part 3
4. March 25, 2024 @ 8pm, ET: ACA Coding and Coverage Virtual Seminar Part 4

April 2024

1. April 24-27, 2024: RUC meeting, attendance optional
2. Quarterly Procedure-to- Procedure (PTP) edits and Medically Unlikely Edit (MUE) values and modifications in the National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI) published by CMS. (Comments due to AMA in [January]).
3. Advisor comments due for next CPT Meeting

May 2024

1. May 9-11, 2024: CPT Meeting – virtual attendance required
2. Letters of Interest (LOI) due

June 2024



July 2024

1. Quarterly Procedure-to- Procedure (PTP) edits and Medically Unlikely Edit (MUE) values and modifications in the National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI) published by CMS. (Comments due to AMA in [April].

August 2024

1. Advisor comments due for next CPT Meeting

September 2024

1. Sept 19-21, 2024: September CPT Meeting – virtual attendance required
2. September 25-28, 2024: RUC meeting, attendance optional
3. Letters of Interest (LOI) due

October 2024

1. Quarterly Procedure-to- Procedure (PTP) edits and Medically Unlikely Edit (MUE) values and modifications in the National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI) published by CMS. (Comments due to AMA in [July].

November 2024

December 2024

1. Advisor comments due for next CPT Meeting

January 2025

1. January 15-18, 2025: RUC Meeting – attendance optional
2. Quarterly Procedure-to- Procedure (PTP) edits and Medically Unlikely Edit (MUE) values and modifications in the National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI) published by CMS.

February 2025

1. Feb 6-8, 2025: CPT Meeting – virtual attendance required
2. Letters of Interest (LOI) due
3. February 28, 2025: Final Examination (virtual)

March 2025



1. March 10, 2025 @ 8pm, ET: Follow-up and debrief meeting