



## ASNC ADVOCACY IN ACTION

ASNC Working for You!

ASNC has been leading the way to advocate on behalf of its members and the field of nuclear cardiology. ASNC is the leading voice of the nuclear cardiology community on Capitol Hill and with state and federal agencies. We are working to establish and build important relationships that are critical.

ASNC's advocacy efforts have accomplished the following.

1. ASNC advocated for changes to the United Healthcare (UHC) Cardiac Prior Approval Process. UHC now crosswalk **CPT 78452 to CPT 78451**. This should prevent any denials for studies performed when the physician/clinician determines a single pass study is the most appropriate study for the patient even though an authorization/notification approval was requested and received for a multiple study procedure.
2. ASNC works with United Healthcare to halt and reconsider a policy to track provider performance based only on utilization and not on appropriate use of imaging services.
3. ASNC continues to advocate for a permanent repeal to the SGR and helped to prevent steep cuts in physician payment.
4. ASNC leadership testified before Congress to inform current and pending legislation. Dr. Kim Williams testified to the U.S. House Ways and Means Subcommittee on Health regarding developing a viable Medicare physician payment policy.
5. ASNC past president, Manuel Cerqueira, MD FASNC, represented ASNC members on a panel convened by the Brookings Institution to discuss new and evolving payment models to ensure the imaging community was well represented.
6. ASNC advocated against the inclusion of nuclear cardiology codes (78452) from a CMS review of High Expenditure. In November CMS announced it will not seek to conduct the review at this time.

7. ASNC lead the charge to change the requirements and improve the requirements for new registries being considered for participation in the CMS PQRS program.
8. ASNC convened and is leading the development of a multi-society model coverage policy for mIBG and plans to release the policy by the end of 2014.
9. Developed and deployed a model coverage policy for PET and continue reimbursement and advocacy for expanded PET coverage.
10. ASNC is fully engaged with CMS and other stakeholders as new requirements for physicians to use Appropriate Use Criteria for every advance imaging test beginning in 2017.
11. ASNC continues to work to prevent the elimination of the In Office Ancillary Services Exception. ASNC leadership attended a multi-society hill day and discussed the importance of IOASE to patient care and access.