

RUC Adds Expertise of Two New Members, Continues to Work for Recognition of Care Coordination Services

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The AMA/Specialty Society RVS Update Committee (RUC) is an independent panel of physicians from all medical specialties who make recommendations to Medicare on the value of the work and resources involved in patient care.

"Members of the RUC have voted to add greater expertise to the physician panel with the addition of two new seats. A representative from the American Geriatric Society (AGS), and a rotating seat for an actively practicing primary care physician representative, will be added to the RUC and provide valuable insight as we continue to address changing issues in medicine. Their experience will be particularly important as we continue to work on meeting the unique health needs of an aging population and improving care coordination for patients with chronic conditions such as heart disease and diabetes.

"The RUC is a strong advocate for care coordination and has [encouraged](http://www.ama-assn.org/resources/doc/rbrvs/ruc-recommendations-care-coordination.pdf) (<http://www.ama-assn.org/resources/doc/rbrvs/ruc-recommendations-care-coordination.pdf>) the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to recognize these critical services, which include patient education, telephone conversations and medication management. The RUC has partnered with the CPT Editorial Panel to create a Chronic Care Coordination Workgroup. This group will make more recommendations to CMS to help appropriately recognize physicians' work on care coordination and the prevention and maintenance of chronic diseases. These new members will be an asset as this effort continues and on all recommendations the RUC makes regarding the work physicians do to care for Medicare patients."

The new members will join the [current 29](http://www.ama-assn.org/resources/doc/rbrvs/ruc-members-current.pdf) (<http://www.ama-assn.org/resources/doc/rbrvs/ruc-members-current.pdf>) members of the RUC.

More information about the Chronic Care Coordination Workgroup is available at: www.ama-assn.org/go/carecoordination

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