

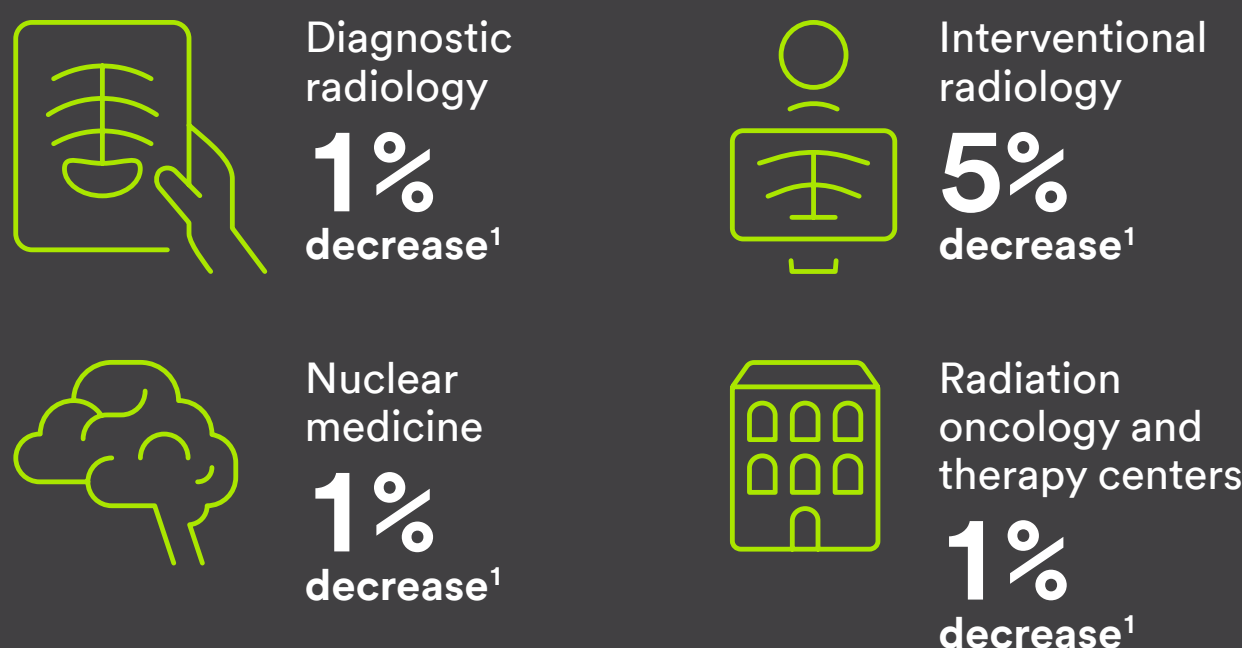
# Support accurate reimbursement amid ever-changing regulations

Keeping up with radiology reimbursement is tough. Amid the cycle of annual Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (MPFS) updates, regulatory changes and legislation, the future of reimbursement can feel uncertain. As the landscape shifts again, radiology departments and imaging centers can benefit from a sharp focus on accurate documentation and coding to receive the reimbursement due to them.

## The 2022 landscape

The American College of Radiology (ACR®) and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) expect radiology reimbursement to dip in 2022.

**Estimated impact to MPFS relative value units (RVUs) for CY 2022:**



With multiple factors affecting reimbursement — including the MPFS, conversion factor and other regulations — it can seem almost impossible to understand the holistic impact. Even when government funding softens the blow, any reimbursement cuts can feel significant for teams that are already lean. The impact also adds up over time.

## 44% reduction in Medicare reimbursement for diagnostic radiology in the past decade

when adjusted for inflation, according to a recent study of the 50 most common imaging exams.<sup>2</sup>



Strengthen documentation and coding to support accurate reimbursement. With the power of artificial intelligence (AI), **3M™ M\*Modal Fluency for Imaging** helps improve accuracy, increase efficiency and close gaps in clinical documentation through:



### Speech recognition

Improve radiology reporting accuracy using embedded natural language understanding (NLU) technology



### Computer-assisted physician documentation (CAPD)

Address the top 10 most common radiology billing errors with real time CAPD coding



### Templates

Boost efficiency and simplify the user experience with customizable smart templates

## Case highlight

### Radiologists rely on 3M M\*Modal reporting technology

Here's one radiology group's experience.



Tennessee-based outpatient facility Abercrombie Radiology made major improvements and avoided possible down-coding for three coding concepts using:



speech recognition



real time CAPD nudges



structured templates

**With 3M Fluency for Imaging, radiologists were able to:**



avoid addendums



reduce administrative waste



avoid inefficiencies

*Implementing these changes allowed for greater documentation specificity in the 160,000+ reports that Abercrombie Radiology creates using 3M Fluency for Imaging each year.*

**This helped Abercrombie Radiology achieve a projected annualized financial impact of**

**\$165,000**  **in increased reimbursement.**



**“We are thrilled with our relationship with 3M. Combining speech recognition along with flexible templates has created some real efficiencies that help us improve quality and improve fixes down the line.”**

Shannon Hampson  
Chief executive officer  
Abercrombie Radiology

To find out how 3M M\*Modal solutions support radiologists and their teams with increased efficiency and productivity, visit [3m.com/HIS](https://3m.com/HIS).

<sup>1</sup> American College of Radiology. (2022, January 7). Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Final Rule for Calendar Year 2022 Detailed Summary of the Payment and Quality Payment Program Provisions. <https://www.acr.org/-/media/ACR/Files/Advocacy/AIA/2022-MPFS-FR-ACR-Detailed-Summary-FINAL.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> Schartz, E., Manganaro, M., & Schartz, D. (2022). Declining Medicare Reimbursement for Diagnostic Radiology: A 10-Year Analysis Across 50 Imaging Studies. *Current Problems in Diagnostic Radiology*. <https://doi.org/10.1067/j.cpradiol.2022.01.007>