

Letters can be submitted electronically via the web URL below or on provider letterhead to the e-mail noted below. While CMS is especially interested in new published literature or unpublished scientific evidence regarding the effectiveness of PET, it is still important to submit comments showing general support even if you do not have new information or references to cite.

Keys to an Effective CMS Comment Letter:

Keep your letter concise and factual. Ultimately, CMS is looking for any NEW published literature to support claims and statements in your comments. If you do not have any, just include the basics.

The first paragraph should include the basics:

- 1) The specific facility where you work,
- 2) The location/state and scope of your practice, hospital or imaging center.
- 3) The type and number of PET studies you perform.

The Second paragraph should include literature, key points and messages with supporting materials and references if you have any:

- 4) List how important expanded coverage is to your facility, your patients, and your referring physicians.
- 5) The most important element that CMS is seeking is additional information regarding clinical studies and other scientific information relevant to the technology under review.

The concluding paragraph should include what you want CMS to do:

- 1) Frame your discussion around the formal request for this reconsideration of CAG-00181R: to remove the current prospective data collection requirements for PET FDG as required for certain cancers.

Include your full contact information in case CMS wishes to follow up.

How to Submit Your Public Comments:

- 1). Click <https://www.cms.hhs.gov/mcd/viewtrackingsheet.asp?from2=viewtrackingsheet.asp&id=218&> to access the CMS tracking sheet.
- 2). Click on the orange “comment” button located in the top right hand corner.
- 3). Enter all relevant information. (Note, due to a lack of spell check software, SNM recommends that you type your comments in another document and then copy and paste into the CMS form.
- 4). If you have any attachments you must submit them separately to CAGinquiries@cms.hhs.gov. Please include the NCA or CAL title and CAG# in the subject line of your email.

**THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME
YOUR VOICE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE**