

June 14, 2001

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Dear Mr. Bearden:

Pursuant to your request regarding scope of practice for CPT codes for certified Nurse Practitioners, your request and the information you submitted was studied by the Nursing Practice Committee on April 24, 2001. The Committee presented its recommendation to the Board of Nursing on June 13, 2001, and, after due deliberation, the Board adopted the following opinion:

In reference to agenda item 6.3, to accept as within the scope of authorized nursing practice for certified nurse practitioners the following CPT codes: 11721; 11055; 11056; 97601; 97602.

11721 - Debridement of nails by any method; six or more

11055 - Paring or cutting of benign hyperkeratotic lesion; single lesion

11056 - Paring or cutting of benign hyperkeratotic lesion, two or more lesions

97601 - Removal of devitalized tissue from wound; selective debridement

97602 - Removal of devitalized tissue from wound; non-selective debridement

If you have any questions regarding this communication, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

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