

February 4, 1998

Thomas Collins
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Dear Mr. Collins:

Your request for an opinion of the Board of Nursing regarding whether or not certified nurse midwives (CNMs) may assist with Cesarean deliveries was presented to the Board at its meeting on February 4, 1998.

The information you sent and related information was studied by the Nursing Practice Committee on January 5, 1998 and the Committee presented its recommendation to the Board on February 4, 1998, and, after due deliberation, the Board adopted the following opinion:

In reference to agenda item 6.2, that it is within the scope of practice for CNMs to assist with Cesarean deliveries; however, the codes submitted are not appropriate for CNM billing.

If you have any questions about this matter, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Barbara L. Morvant, MN, RN
Executive Director

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Kathleen Martin, CNM

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