

May 21, 1998

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Dear Ms. Brossett:

Your request for an opinion of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing regarding APRNs (NP, CNS, CRNA) evaluating and managing patient care during hyperbaric oxygen therapy (HBOT) provided the APRN has the necessary training and skills, was presented to the Board of Nursing.

The information you sent and related information was studied by the Nursing Practice Committee on April 7, 1998 and the Committee presented its recommendation to the Board of Nursing on May 13, 1998, and, after due deliberation, the Board adopted the following opinion:

In reference to agenda item 6.4, it is within the scope of practice for a nurse practitioner and/or clinical nurse specialist who has a collaborative practice agreement with a collaborating physician to evaluate and manage patient care during hyperbaric oxygen therapy (HBOT) provided that the APRN has the necessary education and training.

Furthermore, CPT code 99183 is within the scope of practice for a nurse practitioner and/or clinical nurse specialist.

The Board expressed appreciation for the informational materials submitted with the request. If you have any questions regarding this communication, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

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