

May 21, 1998 (August 28, 1998)

Thomas Collins  
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Dear Mr. Collins:

Pursuant to your request for an opinion of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing regarding additional procedures (CPT) codes for certified nurse practitioners was presented to the Board of Nursing.

The information you submitted was studied by the Nursing Practice Committee on July 27, 1998 and the Committee presented its recommendation to the Board of Nursing on August 26, 1998, and, after due deliberation, the Board adopted the following opinion:

In reference to agenda item 6.4, that the Board approve the following CPT codes as being within the scope of practice for nurse practitioners:

10060 Incision & drainage simple abscess  
10120 Foreign body removal, subq tissue, simple  
10160 Incision & drainage by puncture, abscess/cyst  
11040 Debridement of abrasion, superficial wound  
11100 Punch biopsy of skin lesion  
11101 Punch biopsy of skin lesion - each additional lesion  
11720 Debridement of nail  
11765 Excision of ingrown toenail  
12001 Simple repair, wound laceration 2.5 cm or less  
12002 Simple repair, wound laceration 2.6 cm to 7.5 cm  
12004 Simple repair, wound laceration 7.6 cm to 12.5 cm  
16000 1st degree burn, local treatment  
16020 Dressing/debridement, burn, office, small no anesthesia  
69200 Removal of foreign body, ear canal, without anesthesia  
69210 Removal of impacted cerumen, one or both ear canals  
81002 Urinalysis by tablet or dipstick without microscopy  
82948 Glucose; blood reagent strip  
85014 Hematocrit  
85018 Hemoglobin  
86588 Streptococcus, screen direct

87210 Wet mount, with simple stain bacteria, fungi, parasites  
94664 Nebulizer treatment, initial  
94665 Nebulizer treatment, each subsequent.

That the Board determine, based on the additional information from the petitioner, whether or not CPT code 11730 (Avulsion of nail, partial or complete) is within the scope of practice for Nurse Practitioners.

That the Board deny the following CPT codes for Nurse Practitioners:

65205 Foreign body removal, conjunctiva, superficial only as submitted by the petitioner; and  
12005 Simple repair, wound laceration 12.6 cm to 20.0 cm, as inadvertently submitted by DHH.

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

Sincerely,

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