

May 17, 1999

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Dear Mr. Collins:

Pursuant to your request for additional CPT codes for certified nurse practitioners, your request and the information you submitted was studied by the Nursing Practice Committee on April 7, 1999. The Committee presented its recommendation to the Board of Nursing on May 12, 1999, and, after due deliberation, the Board adopted the following opinion:

In reference to agenda item 6.4, that the following CPT codes are within the scope of authorized practice for nurse practitioners: 87088, 85022, 85024, 86588, 85018, 81001, 81002, 81003, 71020*, and CPT code 82962 may only be ordered by a nurse practitioner with limited prescriptive and distributing authority.

*Note: In accordance with the Louisiana State Radiologic Technology Board of Examiners interpretation of R.S. 37:3200-3219 which requires that a licensed radiologic technologist perform only radiologic procedures ordered by physicians.

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

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

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