

March 28, 2001

Ben Bearden, Medical Director
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Dear Mr. Bearden:

Pursuant to your request regarding scope of practice for CPT codes for certified Neonatal Nurse Practitioners, your request and the information you submitted was studied by the Nursing Practice Committee initially on January 23, 2001. The Committee presented its recommendation to the Board of Nursing on March 21, 2001, and, after due deliberation, the Board adopted the following opinion:

In reference to agenda item 6.2, to accept as within the scope of practice of certified neonatal nurse practitioners the following CPT codes: 32020; 99255; & 99360; and to deny CPT code 31513 as outside the scope of practice for a certified neonatal nurse practitioner.

Furthermore, these codes are outside the authorized scope of practice of CNPs who are not certified neonatal nurse practitioners.

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

Sincerely,

Barbara L. Morvant, MN, RN
Executive Director

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cc: Tracey Zimmerman

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