

August 14, 2001

Ben Bearden, Medical Director
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Dear Mr. Bearden:

Pursuant to your request regarding scope of practice for CPT 31515 for certified Nurse Practitioners, your request and the information you submitted was studied by the Nursing Practice Committee on July 17, 2001. The Committee presented its recommendation to the Board of Nursing on August 12, 2001, and, after due deliberation, the Board adopted the following opinion:

In reference to agenda item 6.5, to accept as within the scope of authorized nursing practice for certified nurse practitioners to perform CPT code 31515.

CPT code: 31515 - laryngoscopy direct, with or without tracheoscopy; for aspiration

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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