

June 5, 2002

Ben A. Bearden, Medicaid Director
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Dear Mr. Bearden:

Pursuant to your request regarding the scope of practice for certified nurse practitioners performing certain CPT codes was studied by the Nursing Practice Committee on April 23, 2002. The Committee presented its recommendation to the Board of Nursing on June 5, 2002, and, after due deliberation, the Board adopted the following opinion:

In reference to agenda item 6.2, that it is within the scope of practice of certified nurse practitioners to perform the following CPT codes:

82270 - Blood, occult, by peroxidase activity (eg. guaiac), qualitative; feces, 1-3 simultaneous determinations;

82947 - Glucose; quantitative, blood (except reagent strip);

86580 - Skin test; tuberculosis, intradermal;

86585 - Skin test; tuberculosis, tine test;

20610 - Arthrocentesis, aspiration and/or injection; major joint or bursa (eg. shoulder, hip, knee joint, subacromial bursa).

In reference to agenda item 6.2, that it is within the scope of practice of women's health nurse practitioners to perform the following CPT codes:

76810 - Ultrasound, pregnant uterus, B-scan and/or real time with image documentation; complete (complete fetal and maternal evaluation), multiple gestation, after the first trimester;

82270 - Blood, cult, by peroxidase activity (eg. guaiac), qualitative; feces, 1-3 simultaneous determinations.

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

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

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cc: Tracey Zimmerman
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