

December 4, 2002

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Dear Ms. Gaudet:

Pursuant to your requests regarding the scope of practice for certified nurse practitioners (CNPs) performing certain CPT codes your request was studied by the Practice Committee on October 22, 2002. The Committee presented its recommendation to the Board of Nursing on December 4, 2002, and, after due deliberation, the Board adopted the following opinions:

That in reference to agenda item 6.1, to **defer action** until additional information is obtained regarding the following CPT codes: 99223; 99233; 99245; 99263; A9502; J0510; J1245; J3490; 78990; 90801; 90805; 90807; 90862. The Board requested a description of the following CPT codes for deliberation at the January 14, 2003 Practice Committee meeting: A9502; J0510; J1245; J3490; 78990; 90801; 90805; 90807; 90862.

That in reference to agenda item 6.1, to **approve** the following CPT codes for CNP:

- 99221 Initial hospital care for the evaluation and management of a patient that requires medical decision making that is straightforward or of low complexity.
- 99222 Initial hospital care for the evaluation and management of a patient that requires medical decision making of moderate complexity.
- 99232 Subsequent hospital care for the evaluation and management of a patient that requires medical decision making of moderate complexity.
- 99243 Office consultation for a new or established patient that requires medical decision making of low complexity.
- 99244 Office consultation for a new or established patient that requires medical decision making of moderate complexity.
- 99251 Initial inpatient consultation for a new or established patient that requires straightforward medical decision making.

99252 Initial inpatient consultant for a new or established patient that requires straightforward medical decision making.

99253 Initial inpatient consultation for a new or established patient that requires medical decision making of low complexity.

99254 Initial inpatient consultation for a new or established patient that requires medical decision making of moderate complexity.

99261 Follow-up inpatient consultation for an established patient that requires medical decision making that is straightforward or of low complexity.

99262 Follow-up inpatient consultation for an established patient that requires medical decision making of moderate complexity.

93015 Cardiovascular stress test using maximal or sub-maximal treadmill or bicycle exercise, continuous electrocardiographic monitoring, and/or pharmacological stress; with physician supervision, with interpretation and report

96115 Neurobehavioral status exam (clinical assessment of thinking, reasoning and judgment, e.g., acquired knowledge, attention, memory, visual spatial abilities, language functions, planning) with interpretation and report, per hour.

That in reference to agenda item 6.1, to **approve** the following CPT codes for CNP:

81001 Urinalysis automated, with microscopy

87149 Microbiology identification by nucleic acid probe

87480 Microbiology Candida species, direct probe technique

87490 Microbiology Chlamydia trachomatis, direct probe technique

87510 Microbiology Gardnerella vaginalis, direct probe technique

87590 Microbiology Neisseria gonorrhoeae, direct probe technique

87797 Microbiology Infectious agent detection by nucleic acid (DNA or RNA), not otherwise specified; direct probe technique, each organism

In order for a CNP to perform Board approved procedures as designated by the specific CPT codes it must be within that said APRN's area of specialization and consistent with

the APRN's collaborative practice agreement with the collaborative practice physician(s).

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

Sincerely,

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