

March 18, 2003

Kay Gaudet, Acting Chief  
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Dear Ms. Gaudet:

Pursuant to your request regarding the scope of practice for certified nurse practitioners (CNPs) performing certain CPT codes your request was studied by the Practice Committee on February 14, 2003. The Committee presented its recommendation to the Board of Nursing on March 12, 2003, and. After due deliberation, the Board adopted the following opinions:

That in reference to agenda item 6.1, that it is within the scope of practice of certified NPs to perform the following CPT codes:

99223 Initial hospital care for the evaluation and management of a patient that requires medical decision making of **high complexity**.

99233 Subsequent hospital care for the evaluation and management of a patient that requires medical decision making of **high complexity**.

99245 Office consultation for a new or established patient that requires medical decision making of **high complexity**.

99263 Follow-up inpatient consultation for an established patient that requires medical decision making of **high complexity**.

2. That in reference to agenda item 6.1, that it is within the scope of practice of certified NPs to perform the following CPT codes:

A9502 Supply of radiopharmaceutical diagnostic imaging agent

J0510 Injection, Benzquinamide HCL

J1245 Injection, Dipyridamole

J3490 Unclassified drugs

- 78990 Provision of diagnostic radio pharmaceutical(s)
- 90801 Psychiatric diagnostic interview examination
- 90805 Individual psychotherapy...(20-30 minutes face-to-face)...with medical evaluation and management services
- 90807 Individual psychotherapy...(45-50 minutes face-to-face)...with medical evaluation & management services
- 90862 Pharmacologic management, including prescription....

3. That in reference to agenda item 6.1, to approve the following CPT codes as within the certified NP authorized scope of practice:

- 81001 Urinalysis: automated with microscopy
- 87070 Chemistry: any other source except urine, blood, or stool...
- 87149 Microbiology identification by nucleic acid probe
- 87210 Wet mount for infectious agents
- 87220 Tissue examination by KOH slide...
- 87490 Chlamydia trachomatis
- 87590 Neisseria gonorrhoea, direct probe technique:

Note: 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).

Contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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