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# **North Carolina Industrial Commission**

## **MINUTES**

### ADOPTION OF CPT CODES WHEN BILLING FOR PHYSICIAN INTERACTION **WITH CASE MANAGERS**

Pursuant to N.C. GEN. STAT. §97-26(i), the North Carolina Industrial Commission hereby adopts, effective July 1, 2011, the attached CPT codes for billing for physician interaction with Case Managers. The CPT codes currently exist on the North Carolina Industrial Commission's medical fee schedule.

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## **BILLING FOR PHYSICIAN INTERACTION WITH CASE MANAGERS**

- CPT code 99358 (Prolonged Evaluation and Management service) would be billed to represent the first 30 minutes to one hour of physician time.
- CPT code 99359 would be billed (in conjunction with 99358) for each additional 30 minutes of physician time.
- Consistent with CPT guidelines, prolonged service of less than 30 minutes total duration on a given date is not separately reported.
- These standard CPT codes represent prolonged physician service without face-to-face contact with the patient.
- These CPT codes are valid and are currently on the North Carolina Industrial Commission Medical Fee Schedule.
- The North Carolina Industrial Commission recommends that Case Managers schedule meetings with the Physician in accordance with the practice's normal scheduling policies and procedures.

#### Reimbursement for these services will be as follows:

- When CPT code 99358 is billed for the first 30 minutes to one hour of service, the reimbursement will be \$153.13.
  If billed for 30 minutes only, the reimbursement will be reduced to \$76.57. Modifier 52 is to be used to identify that 30 minutes is being billed for CPT code 99358.
- When CPT code 99359 is billed in conjunction with CPT code 99358 for an additional 30 minutes, the reimbursement will be \$153.13 for 99358 and \$76.57 for 99359 for a total of one hour and thirty minutes of service.
- When CPT code 99359 is billed in conjunction with CPT code 99358 and CPT code 99359 is only 15 minutes, CPT code 99358 will be reimbursed at \$153.13 and CPT code 99359 will be reimbursed at \$38.29 for a total of one hour and 15 minutes of service. Modifier 52 is to be used to identify the reduction of services for CPT code 99359.