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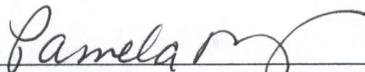
ADOPTION OF THE NATIONAL CORRECT CODING INITIATIVE (CCI) EDITS AMENDING THE NORTH CAROLINA INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION MEDICAL FEE SCHEDULE INTRODUCTION

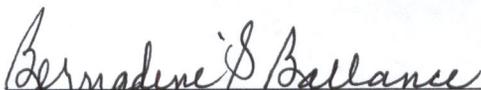
Pursuant to the authority given in North Carolina Gen. Stat. §§97-26 and 97-80, the North Carolina Industrial Commission hereby adopts the National Correct Coding Initiative (CCI), effective January 1, 2010. The following is inserted in the second paragraph of the Explanation of Fee Schedule of the North Carolina Industrial Commission Medical Fee Schedule introduction.

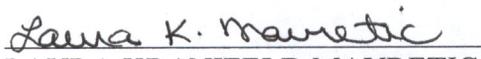
The Correct Coding Initiative, known as CCI, was developed by the Center for Medicare and Medicaid services (CMS) to establish correct coding practices nationwide that would help eliminate improper coding. While the CPT coding system is used by providers to communicate payable services, payors must be able to identify comprehensive codes that describe multiple services commonly performed together. To accomplish this, CMS developed this edit system. CCI Edits are developed based on the coding conventions of the American Medical Association's Physicians Current Procedural terminology (CPT) book and current standards of coding practice and are updated regularly based on input from specialty societies and ongoing analysis of current coding practice. (CCI Introduction, Page 3)

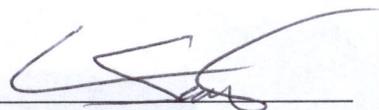
The CPT book provides descriptive term and identifying codes for reporting medical services and procedures performed by physicians. A multitude of codes is necessary because of the wide spectrum of services provided by various medical providers. Because many medical services can be rendered by different methods as well as a combination of various procedures, multiple-codes describing similar services are frequently necessary to accurately reflect services provided. While often only one procedure is performed at a patient encounter, it is also possible that multiple procedures be performed at the same encounter. In the latter case, a comprehensive code describing multiple services commonly performed may be defined by a CPT code.

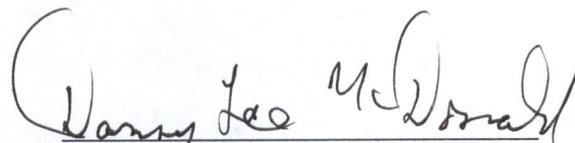
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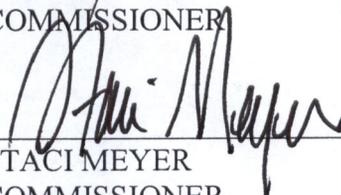

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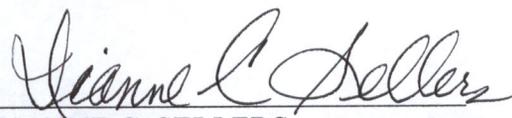

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