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2. DATE SIGNED BY DIRECTOR <i>Cleaveland 1/29/08, letter attached.</i>			

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Marion Burton, M.D.
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Re: Patsy Capers
DOB: 9/14/52 Medicaid ID# 7251924201

Dear Dr. Burton:

I would like to request consideration for surgical procedure, endovenous ablation therapy of incompetent vein (36475) for my patient, Patsy Capers. This CPT is not recognized by Medicaid.

Ms. Capers was initially seen by me on May 10, 2007 for advanced gangrenous process. She received a skin graft to her right foot on May 18, 2007. I have seen her regularly in my office and she has now developed a large ulceration on her left leg. Left lower extremity venous duplex study reveals reflux noted in the GSV, calf area, as well as the perforators above and below the calf. She has tried conservative therapy with stockings and unna boots without complete success. I am recommending that she undergo endovenous ablation therapy to reduce her venous reflux.

I would appreciate your consideration of approving this lady for the above recommended surgery.

Sincerely,

Edward C. Morrison, M.D.



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RE: Patsy Capers
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DOB: 9/14/52

Dear Dr. Morrison:

Thank you for your correspondence regarding this patient. The South Carolina Medicaid Program has not yet begun to routinely cover endovenous ablation therapy CPT Code 36475. The Agency, can, however, allow an exception when medically necessary and critical to necessary and optimal patient care.

In reviewing your letter, I certainly agree that her co-morbid conditions, along with her primary disease, certainly warrants an approach to her venous disease of this lower extremity that differs from normal surgical procedures. In order to receive payment for this care, however, it may be necessary for you to bill a miscellaneous code. I am copying DHHS staff colleagues on this correspondence so that they can contact your office to provide further details.

If you need to discuss this further, please call me at (803) 898-2500 or (803) 255-3400. Thank you for your advocacy regarding this patient and for caring for South Carolina Medicaid beneficiaries.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "O. Marion Burton".

O. Marion Burton, MD
Medical Director

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cc: Penny Faulkenberry
William Feagin