

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
OFFICE OF DIRECTOR

ACTION REFERRAL

TO <i>Supra</i>	DATE <i>3-15-13</i>
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DIRECTOR'S USE ONLY	ACTION REQUESTED
1. LOG NUMBER 000288	<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for the Director's signature DATE DUE _____
2. DATE SIGNED BY DIRECTOR <i>cc: Mr. Keck, COS, Post Closed 3/21/13, letter attached.</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for appropriate signature DATE DUE <i>3-26-13</i>
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	<input type="checkbox"/> Necessary Action

APPROVALS (Only when prepared for director's signature)	APPROVE	* DISAPPROVE (Note reason for disapproval and return to preparer.)	COMMENT
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March 11, 2013

Anthony Keck, Director
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RE: New Pediatric Polysomnography Billing Codes – 95782 & 95783

Dear Mr. Keck:

I am contacting you to clear up an issue related to two (2) new polysomnography codes that have been approved and listed in the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Final Rule published in Nov 2012 and were made effective January 1st, 2013. The codes in question are:

95782 – Polysomnography; younger than 6 years, sleep staging with 4 or more additional parameters of sleep, attended by a technologist. **(Current Medicare Fee - \$954.29)**

95783 – Polysomnography; younger than 6 years, sleep staging with 4 or more additional parameters of sleep, with initiation of continuous positive airway pressure therapy or bi-level ventilation, attended by a technologist. **(Current Medicare Fee - \$1018.49)**

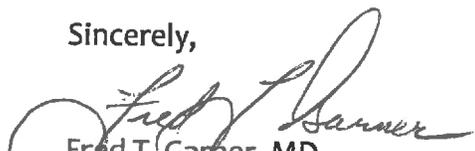
Currently, the 95783 code exists in the SC MCD Fee Schedule, but the 95782 code does not which is quite interesting as the 95782 code almost always is performed first to determine the need for a 95783 CPAP study. We have contacted our physician representative(s) but have found no one whom can resolve the problem.

My sleep center, Carolina Sleep Institute, LLC, is a pediatric specific operation. We work extensively with children and a significant portion of our patients are under 6 years of age. Younger children are typically more complex and are routinely more challenging to study than older children or adults. We have catered our operation to meet these needs and these new codes are significant to our continued success.

Additionally, these codes are already recognized and reimbursed by all private insurances that we work with.

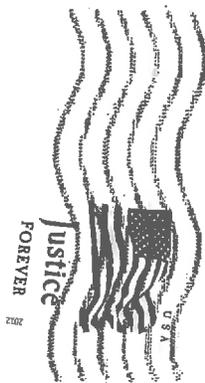
Please take the time to review this issue and have the 95782 code added to the SC Medicaid Fee Schedule as soon as possible.

Sincerely,


Fred T. Garner, MD

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March 21, 2013

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Dear Dr. Garner:

Thank you for your recent letter requesting Polysomnography codes to be added to our fee schedule.

After reviewing our Fee Schedule it was noted that Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) code: 95782 for Polysomnography services indeed was not added during our annual code review process, due to an oversight. We have since made the appropriate change and have added the code to our fee schedule, as well as the billing components for the professional and technical component modifiers 26/TC for both Polysomnography CPT codes 95782 and 95783.

We apologize for this inconvenience and greatly appreciate your continued support of the South Carolina Medicaid program. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Ms. Maureen Ryan, Project Manager, Office of Health and Medical Services at (803) 898-3067.

Sincerely,

John Supra
Deputy Director

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