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2. DATE SIGNED BY DIRECTOR <i>Cleared 6/3/14, letter attached.</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for appropriate signature DATE DUE <i>6-5-14</i>
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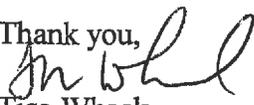
Anthony E. Keck, Director
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Dear Dr. Keck,

I am writing you in regard to the coverage of the Molecular Pathology Procedures (CPT range 81200-81479). Previous communication between our office and SCDHHS Program Managers, Maureen Ryan and Nicholas Thacker, state that these codes are only payable with provider type 80.

Currently, we are providing medically necessary molecular tests to Medicaid patients, but have not been reimbursed because our providers render these services in outpatient hospital. Since SCDHHS does not have the molecular codes on the fee schedule, we are writing to ask if we can use can submit CPT 88291 (Cytogenetics & Molecular Cytogenetics) in place of these codes for molecular tests. If not, is there a plan to allow payment for other provider types?

Our goal is to provide the most accurate billing of these services and we would appreciate any assistance that you can provide.

Thank you,


Tisa Whack
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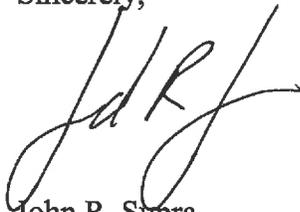
Dear Ms. Whack,

This letter is in response to the correspondence received by South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, regarding coverage of the Molecular Pathology Procedures (CPT range 81200-81479) and, subsequently, the use of CPT 88291 (Cytogenetics & Molecular Cytogenetics) when performed in an Outpatient Hospital setting.

South Carolina Medicaid has made the determination regarding Molecular Pathology Procedures to not cover these services in an Outpatient Hospital place of service and to maintain that they be performed by a Laboratory. To address the second question in your inquiry, CPT 88291 (Cytogenetics & Molecular Cytogenetics, interpretation and report) may be billed by an Outpatient Hospital, as appropriate for the scope of service provided.

Thank you for your inquiry and continued participation with the SC Medicaid program.

Sincerely,



John R. Supra
Deputy Director

