

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
OFFICE OF DIRECTOR

ACTION REFERRAL

TO <i>Singleton</i>	DATE <i>3-10-15</i>
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DIRECTOR'S USE ONLY	ACTION REQUESTED
1. LOG NUMBER <i>000205</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for the Director's signature DATE DUE _____
2. DATE SIGNED BY DIRECTOR <i>Cleared 3/26/15, letter attached.</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for appropriate signature DATE DUE <i>3-19-15</i>
	<input type="checkbox"/> FOIA DATE DUE _____
	<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 2, 2015

Christian L. Soura, Director
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RE: Procedure Code 25600

Dear Mr. Soura:

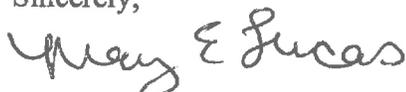
It has come to our attention that Procedure Code 25600 is not on your schedules Class "S" or "T" to indicate a 30 day global period.

25600 Description: Closed treatment of distal radius fracture (eg, Colles or Smith type) or epiphyseal separation, includes closed treatment of fracture of ulnar styloid, when performed; without manipulation.

We have had many problems with other Medicaid plans stating this is not on your 30 day schedules so they are making it a 90 day global which is incorrect.

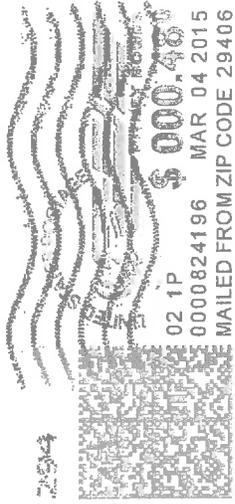
After your review, please advise. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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March 26, 2015

Mary Ellen Lucas, Insurance Billing Specialist
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RE: Procedure Code 25600

Dear Ms. Lucas:

Thank you for your March 2, 2015 letter regarding *Procedure Code 25600: Closed treatment of distal radius fracture (eg, Colles or Smith type) or epiphyseal separation, includes closed treatment of fracture of ulnar styloid, when performed; without manipulation.*

This letter serves as a response to your inquiry submitted to the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS; *heretofore referred to as "Department"*) regarding the classification of procedure code 25600. More specifically; whether said code is listed on the Department's schedule as Class "S" or "T", which is indicative of a 15 or 30 day global period. Additionally, your letter acknowledges an issue with a Managed Care Organization using a 90 day global period for this code.

As such, the Department would like to state the following as it relates to the classification of Procedure code 25600:

- Procedure Code 25600 is neither considered a class "S" nor a class "T". The Fee for Service program has classified this code as a class "L", defined as medical not surgical, and does not have global limitations.
- The definition of codes classified as class "S" have 0 global period.
- The definition of codes classified as class "T" have a 30 day global period.
- There is no definition within the boundaries of either class "S" or class "T" that allows for a 90 day global period.

In the event you are aware of any Managed Care Organizations operating outside the scope of the parameters set forth, please contact us and provide specific examples of instances where this protocol is in question. Additionally, we will review applicable policies to see if any provider manual updates or amendments need to be made.

Lucas
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Thank you for bringing your concerns to our attention and for the continued participation in the South Carolina Healthy Connections Medicaid Program. If you have additional questions or comments regarding the Medicaid Program's services and/or policies, please contact us by phone at (803) 898-4614 or by email at healthservices@scdhhs.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nathaniel J. Patterson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Nathaniel J. Patterson, DrPH
Program Director, Health Services

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