

Angela Bashaw

From: Anne Smith
Sent: Friday, April 21, 2017 3:38 PM
To: Angela Bashaw
Subject: FW: Question regarding Physician Supervision of Nurse Practitioners
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Located and am attaching that section referenced in the WCB Medical FS Guidelines

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Sent: Friday, April 21, 2017 8:13 AM
To: Angela Bashaw
Cc: Anne Smith
Subject: RE: Question regarding Physician Supervision of Nurse Practitioners

Good morning,

NYS WC Law allows a NP/PA to provide services to injured workers covered under NYS WC Law when under the direct supervision of a NYS WCB authorized provider.

There is an allowance for a NP/PA to provide services in a designated HPSA when the NYS WCB authorized physician is not present in order to provide direct supervision but is available by telephone or other effective means of communication.

Further information regarding this can be found in the NYS WCB Medical Fee Schedule Introduction and General Guidelines section under Ground Rule 11. If you do not have a fee schedule, one can be purchased by calling Optum Insight at 1-800-464-3649.

Regards,
Medical Director's Office

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Hello,

I am looking for information as it relates to Nurse Practitioners providing medical care and treatment to workers' compensation patients. We have four rural health centers that are staffed with Nurse Practitioners. We have not allowed the Nurse Practitioners to see the Workers' compensation patients because a physician is not always on site.

As an organization, we are interested in finding out if it is allowable for Nurse Practitioners to provide medical care to workers' compensation patients without on site supervision. In reading guidelines published by the American Medical Society, there is a paragraph that indicates "Similar to Medicare regulations, which provide that where on-site direct physician supervision is not available in rural areas that meet the definition of Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSA) and the physician assistant or nurse practitioner providing patient care is only able to

communicate with a physician supervisor by telephone or other effective means of communication, payment for this service should be made at three-fourths of the Physician Payment Schedule.”

The four rural health centers that we have are classified as HPSA’s. As far as I can understand the above information, on a billing level, this would be okay. However, my concern is on the clinical level. Are there clinical guidelines that support the billing information above? Any available documentation in support or against this would be appreciated.

Thank you,

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