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Dr. Katims,

Medical providers have submitted charges for the Current Perception Threshold (CPT) as a neurodiagnostic tool in evaluating their clients. Nationwide's first introduction to the use of CPT and its charges was approximately two years ago. Initially, there was non-payment as the providers were using the needle electromyography coding for reimbursement. This coding behavior caused confusion regarding CPT's purpose and validity of the findings.

Providers were concerned with the non-payment of a valid and objective diagnostic tool. Nationwide researched CPT. The CPT evaluation proved to have clinical applications beyond our respective field of trauma cases. Independent neurologists contacted stated CPT was a reimbursable procedure. These opinions, and discussion with area physicians on the effectiveness of a CPT evaluation in their practices resulted in the reimbursement of the CPT procedure. Coding of the CPT procedure raised concerns. Initially, medical providers submitted the 95999 with an explanation on the billing of the procedure performed. With the 1997 coding revisions, CPT is being submitted under the 95904 procedure code.

Dr. Katims, I have a greater appreciation and understanding of Current Perception Threshold as an evaluation procedure. More important, clients will continue to benefit from CPT technology as medical providers receive reimbursement when used appropriately.

Your patience, knowledge and willingness to expand our knowledge of Current Perception Threshold has certainly contributed to its acceptance. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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