



TEXAS STATE BOARD OF ACUPUNCTURE EXAMINERS

CPT CODING AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE

February 1, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on February 1, 2013, by the Chair, Reynaldo Ximenes, M.D. Committee members present were Rachelle L. Webb, L.Ac and Karen Siegel, L.Ac. Other board members present were Chung-Hwei Chernly, L.Ac. Allen Cline, L.Ac and Raymond Graham were not present. Staff members present were Mari Robinson, Executive Director; Robert Bredt, M.D., Medical Director; and Tonie Knight, Licensure Manager; and various other staff.

Agenda item #2, Discussion, recommendation, and possible action relating to insurance CPT billing coding. Dr. Ximenes reviewed the drafted board position statement on CPT code billing and comments received from the Chiropractic Board.

Ms. Robinson introduced Rob Blech, J.D., Assistant General Counsel.

Agenda item #3, Discussion recommendation, and possible action relating to Acupuncture E&M billing coding. Ms. Robinson gave an update on other health professionals position as it relates to E&M. The board reviewed the E&M coding and did not consider the use of E&M coding to be fraudulent. The board had concerns related to the medical decision making related to E&M coding. The board directed staff to bring the final position statement to the next Acupuncture full board meeting for approval.

Agenda item #4, Adjourn. There being no further items the meeting adjourned at 10:11 a.m.