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The following language, which was an update to the September 1, 2001 Georgia Workers' Compensation Medical Fee Schedule, with the revision effective June 1, 2002, was inadvertently deleted from the 2005 and 2006 medical fee schedules.

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#### Section IV: General Reimbursement Requirements

##### Physician Extenders (PE – Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS), Nurse Practitioner (NP), or Physician Assistant (PA))

The Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS), Nurse Practitioner (NP), or Physician Assistant (PA), if qualified by training and experience as determined by the supervising physician, may perform medical treatments, diagnostic procedures, or other delegated duties and tasks which are allowable by law, approved by the state licensing board, and which fall within the normal scope of practice of the supervising physician. ***For scheduled visits, the Board requires a physician to provide evaluation and treatment in the course of the first visit. In situations of major/minor emergency, urgent care injuries, or other medical conditions requiring immediate attention, and where that care is provided in a medical facility staffed by physician extenders (PE) under the direction and supervision of a physician, services by the physician extender are covered for the initial treatment and visit. If follow-up treatment is necessary, the patient must then be referred to a physician for follow-up visit, treatment and /or evaluation. Medical facilities covered include occupational medical centers; hospital emergency rooms; hospital-based clinics; hospital or physician federally approved, rural health clinics; or federally qualified health centers. The federal tax ID number for the supervising physician is to be used on claims for services rendered by a PE. Subsequent visits to a PE who is under the general supervision of the physician shall be paid in accordance with the Board fee schedule.***

.....The balance of this section's language remains unchanged.