Imaging Consultation Services

Palmer Imaging Consultation Services  
Insurance Billing/Fee Structures  
Letter of Understanding

Dear Doctor,

As you are aware, most insurance companies, including BC/BS, maintain a policy that *only one* interpretation of a diagnostic test or X-ray will be reimbursed.

There are two fees involved with any diagnostic imaging examination: the technical component “TC” and professional component “PC”. The technical component bills for the clinical production of the X-ray/radiograph and is designated with a “-TC” modifier. The professional component bills for the interpretation of the X-ray/radiograph and is designated with a “-26” modifier.

**PICS provides flexible billing options:**

1. Chiropractor bills for taking the X-rays and PICS bills for interpreting the X-rays.
   a. A “TC” modifier MUST be applied to the appropriate CPT code by the chiropractor. (If this is not done, the insurance company will assume the chiropractor is billing for a global fee.)
   b. PICS will bill the insurance company for the professional (interpretation) component using a -26 modifier.
   c. The patient is responsible for any amounts owed but not collected from the insurance company.
   d. Example: Production of 2v lumbar spine X-rays without interpretation billed for by chiropractor:  
      i. Chiropractor bills for the technical component: 72100-TC
      ii. PICS bills for production of report: 72100-26

2. Chiropractor bills the insurance as a global charge.
   a. In this case, PICS cannot bill separately for the Professional/Interpretation component.
   b. PICS will not bill the patient or patient’s insurance, but will bill the referring doctor the consultation fee.
   c. Example: If your office performs a 2v lumbar study and bills the procedure as 72100 (WITHOUT a “TC” MODIFIER) this indicates that the service includes the production of the X-rays and the radiology report. The chiropractor will be billed directly by PICS for the interpretation fee.

3. Chiropractor by agreement compensates PICS directly for services. Generally this will result in a 20% POS DISCOUNT. Contact PICS for more information regarding this option. Many doctors find it convenient to place a credit card # on file with PICS.

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*To complete this communication, please sign and return (or fax) a copy of this letter.*

Dr. __________________________________________

Sign ________________________________________ Date: ___________________