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(Consent Ballot – No Meeting Held)

Results of the second session of MAC in 2004 (conducted by consent ballot) will be effective November 1, 2004, unless otherwise noted. This newsletter is arranged in chronological order according to liaison dates.

Orthopedic Liaison (January 7, 2004)

Lateral Release – Knee (follow-up item from 4/22/04 MAC)

Lateral retinacular release, open (CPT code 27425) and arthroscopy, knee, surgical; with lateral release (CPT code 29873) will be denied as content of service to other knee procedures. Either procedure will be allowed when billed alone.

Optometric Liaison (May 27, 2004)

Extended Fundus Photography

Extended fundus photography (i.e., Optomap®) will be denied not medically necessary in all instances (screening as well as diagnostic). CPT code 92499 should be used when billing this procedure.

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