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SUBJECT: Coding and Billing Guidance for Retiring LU Codes

RETIRED LU CODES

The LTAT Branch has received questions on how to cross-walk the retired LU Code to comparable CPT codes. Below is an updated list of LU Codes that will be retired. Please see specific guidance below. If you have questions, please call your Public Health Nursing and Professional Development Nursing Consultant at:

<http://www.ncpublichealthnursing.org/NurseCons1.pdf>

LU code retirement will become effective May 4th, 2015. Hopefully by now you have each had time to adjust your fee schedules to the appropriate CPT code.

A current list of the LU Codes can be found on the HIS website at: <http://publichealth.nc.gov/lhd/>
For LHDs>HIS Tab>HIS Library>System Requirements & Status>System Dictionaries>LU Code

State-Approved Local Codes - Revised 4/3/15

Local Use Code	Local Use Code Description	Suggested CPT	Coding and Billing Guidance
LU003 - inactive	Suture removal without anesthesia	99211 – Report Only or E&M code	Suture removal should be a part of the surgical procedure therefore there should not be a charge for just removing sutures. Bill it using a 99211 R for “report only.” If an office visit is warranted, then charge the appropriate E&M code and remove the sutures au gratis as a part of the problem visit.
LU202 – inactive	Limited Interview: International Travel	CPT codes for vaccines AND 99211 or 99401 – 99404. E&M codes may also be used if justified.	LHDs need to determine how they will bill for this service. Some LHDs bill only the patient while others also bill the patient’s insurance carrier. Since travel immunizations are an elective service, these services may not be covered by insurance. Check with the insurance carrier to see if they will cover the service AND for specific instructions on how they wish to be billed.

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LU203 – inactive	Limited Physical: Employment	99384 – 99386 OR 99394 - 99396	LHDs can create a contract price and bill the employing agency or bill the patient using a CPT code based on the patient’s age. If the employer requires an assessment beyond what an ERRN can provide under their scope, the patient’s exam must be provided by a higher level provider. Remember: provide the service per your service description and then complete the form. The form should never dictate the service as best practice should dictate the service.
LU204 – inactive	Limited Physical: DOT	99384 – 99386 OR 99394 - 99396	Only a mid-level or physician may provide this service as this service is not within the scope of practice for a RN or ERRN.
LU205 – inactive	Limited Physical: Dare Challenge	N/A	Service is no longer provided by the county.
LU206 – inactive	Limited Physical: Day Care	99381 – 99384 OR 99391 - 99394	ERRN, mid-level or physician may provide this service.
LU207 – inactive	Limited Physical: Head Start	99382 – 99385 OR 99392 - 99395	ERRN, mid-level or physician may provide this service.
LU208 – inactive	Limited Physical: Sports	99382 – 99385 OR 99392 - 99395	Camp, Scout and Sports Physicals all involve medical decision making which is beyond the scope of the ERRN therefore a mid-level or physician must provide this service. These types of physical assessments include a service definition for a complete physical exam (medical assessment), assessing for allergies such as bee stings and the ability to participate in physical activities that being at camp, in scouts or playing a sport might entail. The assessment should be based on medical risk and the health condition of the child. Please email Jean Vukoson, CH Consultant at: jean.vukoson@dhhs.nc.gov if you have questions, particularly about service definition, standard/best practice and/or how to best utilize providers to provide these services.
LU209 – inactive	Limited Physical: Foster Care	99381 – 99384 OR 99391 - 99394	Requires a mid-level or physician to provide this service as this service is not within the scope of practice for a RN or ERRN.
LU210 – inactive	Limited Physical: Camp	99383 – 99385 OR 99393 - 99395	Camp, Scout and Sports Physicals all involve medical decision making which is beyond the scope of the ERRN therefore a mid-level or physician must provide this service. These types of physical assessments include a service definition for a complete physical exam (medical assessment), assessing for allergies such as bee stings and the ability to participate in physical activities that being at camp, in scouts or playing a sport might entail. The assessment should be based on medical risk and the health condition of the child. Please email Jean Vukoson, CH Consultant at: jean.vukoson@dhhs.nc.gov if you have questions, particularly about service definition, standard/best practice and/or how to best utilize providers to provide these services.

LU211 – inactive	Limited Physical: Scouts	99383 – 99385 OR 99393 - 99395	Camp, Scout and Sports Physicals all involve medical decision making which is beyond the scope of the ERRN therefore a mid-level or physician must provide this service. These types of physical assessments include a service definition for a complete physical exam (medical assessment), assessing for allergies such as bee stings and the ability to participate in physical activities that being at camp, in scouts or playing a sport might entail. The assessment should be based on medical risk and the health condition of the child. Please email Jean Vukoson, CH Consultant at: jean.vukoson@dhhs.nc.gov if you have questions, particularly about service definition, standard/best practice and/or how to best utilize providers to provide these services.
LU212 – inactive	Limited Physical: College	99384– 99386 OR 99394 - 99396	ERRN, mid-level or physician may provide this service.
LU213 – inactive	Limited Physical: Respirator	N/A	LHDs generally do not provide this type of assessment.
LU214 – inactive	Limited Physical: Kindergarten	99382 – 99383 OR 99392 - 99393	ERRN, mid-level or physician may provide this service.
LU215- inactive	Limited Physical: DSS	99381- 99384 OR 99391- 99394	Requires a mid-level or physician to provide this service as this service is not within the scope of practice for a RN or ERRN.
LU216- inactive	Limited Physical: County Employee	99385- 99386 OR 99395- 99396	ERRN, mid-level or physician may provide this service. However, if the county employee is requesting a work form to be completed and the form’s signature line is requiring the signature of a mid-level or physician OR the form is requiring a medical judgment (e.g., medical clearance in order to perform the job) which is beyond the scope of practice for a RN, then an ERRN cannot perform the service.
LU217- inactive	Limited Physical: Senior Companion	N/A	Service is no longer provided by the county.
LU218- inactive	Limited Physical: DOC	99385- 99386 OR 99395- 99396	Requires a mid-level or physician to provide this service as this service is not within the scope of practice for a RN or ERRN.
LU219- inactive	Limited Physical: US Forest Service	99385- 99386 OR 99395- 99396	Requires a mid-level or physician to provide this service as this service is not within the scope of practice for a RN or ERRN.
LU220- inactiveG	Basic Law Enforcement Testing (BLET)	99385- 99386 OR 99395- 99396	Requires a mid-level or physician to provide this service as this service is not within the scope of practice for a RN or ERRN.
LU223 – inactive	BCCCP Office Visit	See Guidance	Refer to BCCCP Program Guidelines
LU224 – inactive	WISEWOMAN Office Visit	See Guidance	Refer to WISEWOMAN Program Guidelines

LU230 – inactive	Blood Pressure Check	99211	If the visit is provided by a RN and a nursing assessment is done, then bill using a 99211. Policies and procedures must be in place to support this service. Remember to report all abnormal findings to a higher level provider and assure all abnormal findings are appropriately follow-up.
LU231 - inactive	Pap Smear and Breast Assessment only (for non-BCCCP eligibles per age or income)	E&M or Preventive Codes	If the patient is complaining about a problem with their breasts and/or pelvic area, then treat the visit as a problem visit and code the visit using a 99201 – 99205 or 99212 – 99215. If the patient is requesting the service for preventive reasons, then provide the complete physical exam and bill the visit using the preventive medicine codes by age. LHDs may choose to slide the fee.
LU249 – inactive	Breast Assessment only for non-BCCCP eligibles	E&M or Preventive Codes	If the patient is complaining about a problem with their breasts and/or pelvic area, then treat the visit as a problem visit using the 99201 – 99205 or 99212 – 99215. If the patient is requesting the service for preventive reasons, then provide the complete physical exam and bill the visit using the preventive medicine codes by age. LHDs may choose to slide the fee.
LU250 – inactive	Pap Smear only for non-BCCCP eligibles	E&M or Preventive Codes	If the patient is complaining about a problem with their breasts and/or pelvic area, then treat the visit as a problem visit using the 99201 – 99205 or 99212 – 99215. If the patient is requesting the service for preventive reasons, then provide the complete physical exam and bill the visit using the preventive medicine codes by age. LHDs may choose to slide the fee.
LU251 – inactive	Pelvic only for non-BCCCP eligibles	E&M or Preventive Codes	If the patient is complaining about a problem with their breasts and/or pelvic area, then treat the visit as a problem visit using the 99201 – 99205 or 99212 – 99215. If the patient is requesting the service for preventive reasons, then provide the complete physical exam and bill the visit using the preventive medicine codes by age. LHDs may choose to slide the fee.
LU252 – inactive	Wellness Only – UA, EKG, Vital signs, 1 Executive Lab, Nurse visit + vision and hearing if requested	99381 – 99386 OR 99391 - 99396	This service needs to be a part of prevention visit and billed using a CPT preventive medicine code.
LU253 – inactive	Wellness Physical – Breast Check, Pap Smear, UA, Hgb., Occult Blood, Physical by NP	99381 – 99386 OR 99391 - 99396	This service needs to be a part of prevention visit and billed using a CPT preventive medicine code.
LU254 – inactive	Wellness and Physical - all components of LU252 and 253	99381 – 99386 OR 99391 - 99396	This service needs to be a part of prevention visit and billed using a CPT preventive medicine code.
LU255 – inactive	Limited physical - exam from waist up by NP, Vital signs, Vision and Hearing if requested; no labs	99381 – 99386 OR 99391 - 99396	This service needs to be a part of prevention visit and billed using a CPT preventive medicine code.
LU256 – inactive	Non-billable miscellaneous nurse injection	99211 - RN Only visit.	This LU Code was typically used to inject B12 or provide allergy shots. LTATB recommends not providing this type of service unless the patient is followed by a LHD mid-level or MD AND the nurse documents the visit (SOAP Note). Then, the visit could be billed as a 99211.
LU258 - inactive	Weight check	99201 – 99205 OR 99212 - 99215	The CH Program recommends this service to be a part of a regular problem visit because of the medical decision-making that might be needed in order to assess this problem.

Practice Rules

1. Providers should provide physical assessments according to their agency's service description and NOT by what is listed on a form to be completed for sports, college, employment, etc.
2. Documentation should support the CPT code used to bill the visit.
3. Prevention visits are billed by selecting the CPT code which represents the age of the patient.
4. ERRN: If a patient is requesting that a form be completed during the visit and the form's signature line is requiring the signature of a mid-level or physician OR the form is requiring a medical judgment (e.g., medical clearance in order to perform a particular he job) which is beyond the scope of practice for an RN, then an ERRN cannot perform the service.
5. Refer to the BCCCP and WISEWOMAN attachments when billing for these services.
6. All other services should be billed to the program where the service is being provided and based on the reason for the visit.
7. E&M Codes - New: 99201 – 99205; Established: 99211 – 99215.
8. Prevention Codes - New: 99381 – 99387; Established: 99391 – 99397.

Attachments

1. North Carolina Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program - 2014-2015 Services Fee Schedule (1) For the Period 01/01/2015 through 06/30/2015 Revised: 12/31/2014
2. 2014 Federal Poverty Guidelines NC Cancer Prevention and Control Branch Federal Poverty Guidelines Fiscal Year 2014 – 2015
3. NC Division of Public Health NC BCCCP and WISEWOMAN Annual Gross Family Income FY 14-15 Sliding Fee Scale 101% - 250% of Poverty.

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