

## Chapter 2

## Section 5.1

# Consultations

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### 1.0 CPT<sup>1</sup> PROCEDURE CODE RANGE

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### 2.0 DESCRIPTION

A deliberation with a specialist physician, dentist, or qualified mental health provider requested by the attending physician primarily responsible for the medical care of the patient, with respect to the diagnosis or treatment in any particular case.

### 3.0 POLICY

**3.1** Consultations performed by an individual professional provider at the request of the patient's attending provider are covered.

**3.2** A consulting physician, dentist, or qualified mental health provider may perform a limited examination of a given system or one requiring a complete diagnostic history and examination.

**3.3** To qualify as a consultation, a written report to the attending physician of the consultant's findings is required.

### 4.0 EXCLUSIONS

**4.1** Telephone consultations and telephone toll charges are not covered.

**4.2** Staff consultations required by the policies of a hospital or other institution.

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