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DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH  
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PUBLIC HEARING ON REVIEW STANDARDS FOR:  
COMPUTED TOMOGRAPHY (CT) SCANNER SERVICES  
CARDIAC CATHETERIZATION (CC) SERVICES  
SURGICAL SERVICES (SS)

BEFORE NATALIE KELLOGG, DEPARTMENTAL TECHNICIAN TO CON

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MS. KELLOGG: Good morning. I'm Natalie Kellogg, Departmental Technician to the Certificate of Need Commission from the CON Health Policy Section of the Department of Community Health. Chairperson Chip Falahee has directed the Department to conduct today's hearing.

Please be sure that you have completed the sign-in log, and comment cards can be found on the back table with the sign-in log. A comment card needs to be completed and provided if you wish to provide testimony.

The proposed CON Review Standards for Computed Tomography, or CT, Services are being reviewed and modified to include the following. I'm just going to have -- I'm just going to refer to the MDCH CON Web page under the Public Hearing Notice, if you wish to view those changes. The proposed CON Review Standards for Cardiac Cath Services are being reviewed and modified and, again, those can be found on the MDCH CON Web page under the Public Hearing Notice. And the same for Surgical Services. The proposed CON Review Standards for Surgical Services are being reviewed and modified, and you can find those revisions on the MDCH CON Web page under the Public Hearing Notice.

If you wish to speak on the proposed standards, please provide your comment card to me. Additionally, if you have written testimony, please provide a copy as well. Just a reminder, all cellular phones and pagers need to be turned off or set to vibrate during the hearing.

As indicated on the public -- on the Notice of Public Hearing, written testimony may be provided to the Department via our Web site at [www.michigan.gov/con](http://www.michigan.gov/con) through Thursday, November 10th, 2011 at 5:00 p.m.

Today is Thursday, November 3rd, 2011, and we will begin the hearing by taking testimony on the CT, CC and Surgical Services standards and will continue until all testimony has been given, at which time we will adjourn. Does anyone have testimony?

Thank you, Sallie, sure.

MS. FLANDERS: Good morning. My name is Sallie Flanders and I'm a Review Specialist in the Evaluation Section, and I'm the reviewer that would look at the applications submitted by applicants for cardiac cath.

The standards do not provide clear guidance on how to calculate procedure equivalents when several types of procedures are performed in one session. For example, if you have a diagnostic procedure followed by a therapeutic procedure, the weights are 1.5 for diagnostic and 2.7 for therapeutic. Does the provider -- or does the Department apply the higher weight, 2.7, because a therapeutic procedure was done or does one combine the weights, 1.5 and 2.7, because a diagnostic and a therapeutic procedure was done in that session? And I have had at least one call from an applicant wanting to know how the Department would apply that, and I think some statement needs to be placed in the standards so that applicants will be calculating and using the methodology consistently. That's all I have to say.

MS. KELLOGG: Thank you, Sallie. Do we have any other testimony that anyone wishes to provide? Hearing none, we'll go ahead and adjourn the meeting -- or the hearing, excuse me.

(Hearing concluded at 9:41 a.m.)