

CHAMPVA POLICY MANUAL

CHAPTER: 2
SECTION: 17.11
TITLE: BUTTON INFUSER

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I. EFFECTIVE DATE

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II. DESCRIPTION

A. The button infuser is a semi-permanent subcutaneous needle, to which is connected a rubber stopper similar to those found on medication vials. A standard syringe needle is inserted into the stopper four times per day to deliver insulin. The subcutaneous needle is changed periodically, generally weekly.

B. The infuser was invented to minimize the number of needle insertions when four-times-daily insulin dosages are necessary for better control of blood glucose levels.

III. POLICY

Button infusers are covered provided medical documentation is submitted with the claim showing the medical need for the infuser in addition to the ordinary syringe and needle.

END OF POLICY