

## CHAMPVA POLICY MANUAL

**CHAPTER:** 2  
**SECTION:** 23.2  
**TITLE:** ROUTINE PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS

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**AUTHORITY:** 38 CFR 17.270(a) and 17.272(a)

**RELATED AUTHORITY:** 32 CFR 199.4(g)(37)

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### I. EFFECTIVE DATE

A. Effective January 1, 1992 the American Medical Association Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) evaluation and management service codes (i.e., visit codes) were revised. The former CPT 90000 series codes were replaced by a new CPT 99000 series.

B. Effective October 1, 2001, for school-required physical examinations for beneficiaries through age 17.

### II. PROCEDURE CODE(S)

99201-99205, 99211-99215, 99382-99387, and 99392-99397

### III. DESCRIPTION

A routine physical examination is an evaluation and management of the general health of adults and children conducted in the absence of a presenting complaint or other indication of illness or injury.

### IV. POLICY

A. A physical examination associated with well-baby care is covered.

B. A school-required physical examination for beneficiaries through age 17 is covered.

C. A physical examination is covered when performed in connection with immunizations.

D. A physical examination is covered when performed with connection with the following cancer screenings:

1. papanicolaou (Pap) test,
2. mammograms or,
3. screening examinations for colon or prostate cancer.

#### V. POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

A physical examination for the purpose of diagnosing a medical condition is *not* considered a routine physical examination and *is* a covered benefit.

#### VI. EXCLUSIONS

- A. Routine physical examinations other than what is listed as covered under Policy.
- B. Physical examinations required for an application to the United States Department of State for an immigrant visa.
- C. Physical examinations for the purpose of employment.
- D. Physical examinations required for sports programs.
- E. An ancillary procedure in support of a routine physical examination.

**\*END OF POLICY\***