

CHAMPVA POLICY MANUAL

CHAPTER 2
SECTION 25.2
TITLE: PULMONARY SERVICES

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

RELATED AUTHORITY: 32 CFR 199.4

I. EFFECTIVE DATE(S)

A. April 19, 1983

B. October 1, 2003, for chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) services.

II. PROCEDURE CODE(S)

94010-94799

III. DESCRIPTION

Services provided for the diagnosis or treatment of conditions involving the lungs.

IV. POLICY

A. Pulmonary services including pulmonary services provided as part of a treatment program on an inpatient or outpatient basis are covered.

B. For a medical condition to be covered the efficacy of the pulmonary services must be proven. Examples of proven indications are:

1. cardiopulmonary or pulmonary rehabilitation for pre- and post-lung transplant patients when preauthorized by the appropriate preauthorizing authority as outlined in the Policy on heart-lung and lung transplantation (see [Chapter 2, Section 31.3, Heart-Lung and Lung Transplantation](#));

2. severe COPD on an inpatient basis; and

3. moderate and severe COPD on an outpatient basis.

V. POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

A. Respiratory therapists are not authorized individual providers under CHAMPVA.

B. Services provided by respiratory therapists are covered only when the therapist is an employee of a CHAMPVA-authorized institutional provider.

C. See also [Chapter 2, Section 30.1](#), *Physical Therapy*, and [Chapter 2, Section 25.1](#), *Respiratory System*.

END OF POLICY