

CHAMPVA POLICY MANUAL

CHAPTER: 2
SECTION: 26.15
TITLE: **ULTRASOUND GUIDED SCLEROTHERAPY**

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RELATED AUTHORITY: 32 CFR 199.4(a)(1), (b)(2), (b)(3), and (b)(4)

I. EFFECTIVE DATE

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II. PROCEDURE CODE(S)

36470-36471, 37799, and 76999

III. DESCRIPTION

Ultrasound guided sclerotherapy is the process of guiding the sclerosing needle to an affected vein by the way of ultrasound imaging to ensure correct placement of the sclerosing solution in the strategic area of a vein.

IV. POLICY

Ultrasound guided sclerotherapy is approved for use on the lesser and greater saphenous vein system when the medical record documents a justified need for ultrasound as adjunct to sclerotherapy. Other uses of ultrasound guided sclerotherapy may be approved for use on patients in cases where traditional sclerotherapy without ultrasound is medically justified.

V. EXCLUSIONS

Treatment of varicose veins to treat spider veins (telangiectasia) (CPT codes: 36468-36469).

END OF POLICY