

CHAMPVA POLICY MANUAL

CHAPTER: 2
SECTION: 33.2
TITLE: **BLADDER STIMULATORS**

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I. EFFECTIVE DATE

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II. PROCEDURE CODE(S)

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III. DESCRIPTION

An external or implantable device used to induce emptying of the urinary bladder by using electrical current to force muscles of the bladder to contract. They are commonly called bladder stimulators or bladder pacemakers.

IV. POLICY

The use of bladder stimulators, such as spinal cord, rectal and vaginal electrical stimulators, or bladder wall stimulators are a covered benefit when the device is FDA approved.

END OF POLICY