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Transmittal #41, CHAMPVA Policy Manual

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1. Explanation of changes and related index updates of the CHAMPVA Policy Manual and filing instructions are in the following summary:

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Chapter 1, Section 2.4 , <i>Spouse</i> . Corrects section numbering.	1-2.4	1-3	1-2.4	1-3
Chapter 2, Section 18.3 , <i>Psychotherapy</i> . Policy is revised to clarify outpatient psychotherapy preauthorization requirements; moves information located under Policy to Exclusions that charges for outpatient psychotherapy received as an inpatient are not covered benefits and employees of institutional providers are not authorized to bill for their services; and removes reference to preauthorization in Chapter 3, Section 1.1, <i>Claims Processing – General</i> .	2-18.3	1-4	2-18.3	1-4
Chapter 2, Section 26.7 , <i>Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI), Magnetic Resonance Angiography (MRA), Magnetic Resonance Spectroscopy (MRS)</i> . Revises CPT codes; adds exclusion for magnetoencephalography.	2-26.7	1-6	2-26.7	1-6
Chapter 2, Section 27.2 , <i>Dermatological Procedures</i> . Corrects spelling errors.	2-27.2	1-2	2-27.2	1-2

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Chapter 2, Section 31.5 , <i>Simultaneous Pancreas-Kidney (SPK) Transplantation</i> . Clarifies that SPK transplantation effective on or after October 1, 1999, is reimbursed under the assigned DRG rate and prior to October 1, 1999, was reimbursed based on billed charges; and corrects the policy title for <i>Experimental/Investigational (Unproven) Procedures</i> referenced under Exclusions.	2-31.5	1-5	2-31.5	1-5
Chapter 2, Section 31.11 , <i>Small Intestine (SI) Combined Small Intestine-Liver (SI/L), and Multivisceral Transplantation</i> . Deletes Procedure Code(s) and obsolete codes; adds coverage for multivisceral transplants when performed at approved Medicare, TRICARE, and VA facilities; and adds that services provided on or after October 1, 2001, are reimbursed under the DRG system whereas services provided prior to October 1, 2001, were reimbursed based on billed charges.	2-31.11	1-6	2-31.11	1-6
Chapter 3, Section 7.1 , <i>Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC) Reimbursement</i> . References to Appendix are changed to Addenda.	3-7.1	1-5	3-7.1	1-5
Chapter 3, Section 9.1 , <i>Ambulance Services Reimbursement</i> . Deletes CPT codes; revises HCPCS code range; corrects paragraph numbering; and deletes obsolete HCPCS codes referenced within policy.	3-9.1	1-3	3-9.1	1-3
Codes Index. Amends index to add and delete codes referenced in policies. Changes are highlighted in the index for reference purposes.		1-26		1-26

2. File this transmittal memorandum in the front of the CHAMPVA Policy Manual.

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