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Transmittal #59, 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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<u>Master Table of Contents.</u> Changes title of Chapter 2, Section 17.14, <i>Continuous Positive Airway Pressure (CPAP)</i> to <i>Continuous Positive Airway Pressure (CPAP) and BiLevel Positive Air Pressure (BiPAP)</i> .	MTOC	9-10	MTOC	9-10
<u>Chapter 2, Table of Contents.</u> Changes title of Chapter 2, Section 17.4, <i>Continuous Positive Airway Pressure (CPAP)</i> to <i>Continuous Positive Airway Pressure (CPAP) and BiLevel Positive Air Pressure (BiPAP)</i> .	TOC-2	7-8	TOC-2	7-8
<u>Chapter 2, Section 1.2, Anesthesia Administered by Operating Surgeon.</u> Removes USC and TRICARE references and adds coverage for conscious sedation only when included in a procedure code that is a covered procedure or service.	2-1.2	1-1	2-1.2	1-1
<u>Chapter 2, Section 6.1, Digestive System.</u> Amends Procedure Code(s); under Policy adds wireless capsule endoscopy	2-6.1	1	2-6.1	1-2

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in obscure digestive tract bleeding suspected to be of small bowel origin; and under Exclusions adds virtual colonoscopy, wireless endoscopy, except as indicated in the policy, and radio-frequency ablation of one or more liver tumors.

Chapter 2, Section 16.5, *Experimental/ Investigational (Unproven) Procedures.* 2-16.5 1-6 2-16.5 1.6
Under Policy Considerations adds new review date of December 2002 for intradiscal electro thermal therapy (IDET) for back pain.

Chapter 2, Section 17.1, *Durable Medical Equipment and Supplies.* 2-17.1 1-7 2-17.1 1-7
Amends Procedure Codes.

Chapter 2, Section 17.10, *Blood Glucose Level Monitor.* Removes USC and TRICARE references and under Exclusions adds the Gluco Watch. 2-17.10 1-2 2-17.10 1-2

Chapter 2, Section 17.14, *Continuous Positive Air Pressure (CPAP) and BiLevel Positive Air Pressure (BiPAP).* Changes title of policy; removes USC and TRICARE references; amends Procedure Code(s); under Description adds description for BiPAP; and under Policy adds that a certificate of medical necessity is required for a CPAP and adds coverage criteria for BiPAP. 2-17.14 1-2 2-17.14 1-2

Chapter 2, Section 26.9, *Positron Emission Tomography (PET).* Under Effective Date adds April 16, 2003, for FDG PET for high blood pressure, coronary artery disease, congestive heart failure, stroke and follicular cell origin thyroid cancer; under Policy adds FDG PET for restaging of previously treated follicular cell origin thyroid cancer with elevated or rising serum thyroglobulin; and under Exclusions adds initial staging of postsurgical 2-26.9 1-4 2-26.9 1-5

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thyroid cancer of cell types known to concentrate I-131 poorly, and restaging of previously treated thyroid cancer of medullary cell origin under certain conditions.				
Chapter 2, Section 27.1 , <i>Integumentary System</i> . Amends Procedure Codes.	2-27.1	1-5	2-27.1	1-5
Chapter 3, Section 1.1 , <i>Claims Processing General</i> . Moves timely filing criteria to Policy and under Policy adds that the provider cannot seek payment from the beneficiary when the provider fails to meet the timely filing requirements and a waiver is not granted.	3-1.1	1-9	3-1.1	1-9
Codes Index. Amends index to add and delete codes referenced in policies.		1-28		1-28
Subject Index. Amends index to update and include policies referenced in this transmittal.		B-1 thru B-3 C-1 thru C-11 G-1 thru G-3 H-1 thru H-5 T-1 thru T-6 W-1 thru W-2		B-1 thru B-3 C-1 thru C-11 G-1 thru G-3 H-1 thru H-5 T-1 thru T-6 W-1 thru W-2

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

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