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Transmittal #70 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, (MTOC).</u> Changes policy title of Chapter 3, Section 5.8, <i>Penalty Charges For Late Payments, to Late Charges And Administrative Expenses</i> and removes Chapter 3, Section 5.10, <i>Charges For Provider Administrative Expenses</i> .	MTOC	17-19	MTOC	17-19
<u>Chapter 2, Section 10.1,</u> <i>Excimer Laser, Phototherapeutic Keratectomy (PTK) For Granula Corneal Dystrophies</i> . Removes 38 USC 1713 Authority and TRICARE Policy Manual reference; amends Procedure Codes; under Policy adds coverage for PTK for patients who have recurrent corneal erosion; and under Exclusions removes the treatment of recurrent erosions.	2-10.1	1-3	2-10.1	1-2
<u>Chapter 2, Section 11.4,</u> <i>Therapeutic Apheresis Therapy</i> . Amends Procedure Codes and adds Exclusion for therapeutic apheresis for unproven indications.	2-11.4	1-3	2-11.4	1-3

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<u>Chapter 2, Section 12.4</u> , <i>Infantile Apnea</i> . Removes 38 USC 1713 Authority and TRICARE Policy Manual reference and amends Procedure Codes.	2-12.4	1-3	2-12.4	1-3
<u>Chapter 2, Section 17.14</u> , <i>Continuous Positive Airway Pressure (CPAP) And Bilevel (BiPAP) Positive Air Pressure</i> . Amends Procedure Codes.	2-17.14	1-2	2-17.14	1-2
<u>Chapter 2, Section 25.4</u> , <i>Intermittent Positive Pressure Treatment</i> . Removes 38 USC 1713 Authority and TRICARE Policy Manual reference and amends Procedure Codes.	2-25.4	1	2-25.4	1
<u>Chapter 2, Section 31.10</u> , <i>High Dose Chemotherapy And Stem Cell Transplantation</i> . Under Effective Dates adds new dates for benefits; under Description adds further clarification on alleogeneic and autologous peripheral stem cell transplantation; under Policy adds new benefits; and under Exclusions adds further clarification to existing exclusions and removes exclusions.	2-31.10	1-12	2-31.10	1-11
<u>Chapter 3, Table of Contents</u> . Changes policy title of Chapter 3, Section 5.8, <i>Penalty Charges For Late Payments</i> , to <i>Late Charges And Administrative Expenses</i> and removes Chapter 3, Section 5.10, <i>Charges For Provider Administrative Expenses</i> .	TOC-3	1-3	TOC-3	1-3
<u>Chapter 3, Section 5.8</u> , <i>Late Charges And Administrative Expenses</i> . Changes policy title.	3-5.8	1	3-5.8	1

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Chapter 3, Section 5.10, *Charges For Provider Administrative Expenses*. Policy has been deleted.

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Codes Index. Amends index to add and delete codes referenced in policies.

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Subject Index. Amended to update and include policies referenced in this transmittal.

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

Susan Schmetzer
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