

CHAMPVA POLICY MANUAL

CHAPTER: 2
SECTION: 10.7
TITLE: ORTHOKERATOLOGY

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I. EFFECTIVE DATE

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II. PROCEDURE CODE(S)

92499

III. DESCRIPTION

A. Orthokeratology is the reduction, modification, or elimination of refractive errors by the programmed application of contact lenses or other related procedures. In the same sense that teeth may be straightened by the use of dentistry, it is the objective of orthokeratology to reduce or eliminate, by the use of specially designed contact lenses, refractive errors, i.e., irregularities of the eye. The technique is long term, usually applied over a two year time span.

B. Orthokeratology is usually performed by optometrists. The procedure is done on pathology-free eyes, i.e., eyes which are correctable to standard visual acuity from ordinary refractive errors.

IV. POLICY

Orthokeratology is not a benefit of CHAMPVA, regardless of the circumstances under which it is performed.

V. POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

Since this modality is essentially a method to ultimately avoid wearing glasses, CHAMPVA would not cover the glasses either.

END OF POLICY