

CHAMPVA POLICY MANUAL

CHAPTER: 2
SECTION: 12.2
TITLE: AMINO ACID MODIFIED PRODUCTS FOR INBORN ERRORS OF
AMINO ACID METABOLISM

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RELATED AUTHORITY: 32 CFR 199.4(g)(57)

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I. EFFECTIVE DATE

April 19, 1983

II. DESCRIPTION

The aminoacidopathies, consisting of a phenylketonuria, maple syrup urine disease, homocystinuria, histidinemia and tyrosinemia, and rare genetic diseases which may be treated by the dietary restriction of one or more amino acids. Untreated, these diseases culminate in death or severe mental retardation.

III. POLICY

Special amino acid modified nutrient preparations for patients with inborn errors of amino acid metabolism are covered on the same basis as insulin for diabetic patients when a prescription is not required. The product must be accepted by the general medical community as essential to the management of the patient's condition.

IV. POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

The claim must be accompanied by a statement from the attending physician which documents the patient's medical condition. The patient must be under the close supervision of a physician.

END OF POLICY