

CHAMPVA POLICY MANUAL

CHAPTER: 2
SECTION: 19.3
TITLE: ILIZAROV BONE LENGTHENING TECHNIQUE

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I. EFFECTIVE DATE

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II. PROCEDURE CODE(S)

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III. DESCRIPTION

A surgical procedure in which a limb is slowly lengthened by controlled elongation across an osteotomy site with application of an external flexible fixator device. The external fixator then produces a distractive force intended to stimulate new bone growth.

IV. POLICY

Benefits may be extended for the Ilizarov bone lengthening procedure for treatment of limb length deformity, bone defects and angular rotational deformity of the long bones.

END OF POLICY