

## CHAMPVA POLICY MANUAL

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TITLE: INTRATHECAL BACLOFEN (ITB™) THERAPY

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### I. DEFINITIONS

ITB™ is a therapy specifically for spasticity related to cerebral palsy and brain injury.

### II. DESCRIPTION

Using an implantable infusion system, the drug Lioresal® Intrathecal (baclofen injection) is continuously delivered directly into the cerebrospinal fluid surrounding the spinal cord. The infusion pump is implanted under the skin of the abdomen and delivers the drug through a catheter placed in the Intrathecal space (the area inside the bony sheath surrounding the spinal cord).

### III. POLICY

ITB™ is approved for cost sharing for spasticity related to cerebral palsy and brain injury when performed within the scope of FDA guidelines.

**\*END OF POLICY\***