

CHAMPVA POLICY MANUAL

CHAPTER: 2
SECTION: 29.10
TITLE: LIPOSUCTION

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RELATED AUTHORITY: 32 CFR 199.4(c)(2) and (e)(8)

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I. EFFECTIVE DATE

March 27, 1991

II. PROCEDURE CODE(S)

15876-15879

III. DESCRIPTION

Surgical aspiration of subcutaneous fat.

IV. POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

- A. Liposuction may be considered for CHAMPVA cost-sharing when used as a substitute for the scalpel for:
- B. correction of reconstruction defects (e.g., flap defatting);
- C. correction of trauma defects (e.g., subcutaneous deformities following trauma);
- D. non-malignant neoplastic and/or subcutaneous disorders (such claims should be accompanied with histologic/pathology report);
- E. reconstruction procedures performed as a prelude to the fitting of orthopedic prosthesis;
- F. correction of congenital anomalies; or
- G. other conditions when determined by medical review to be medically necessary and appropriate treatment for the patient's condition.

V. EXCLUSIONS

Liposuction for body contouring.

END OF POLICY