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Transmittal #45, CHAMPVA Policy Manual

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1. All references to TRICARE Policy Manual from this transmittal and forward will be removed.
2. Explanation of changes and related index updates of the CHAMPVA Policy Manual and filing instructions are in the following summary:

<u>SUMMARY</u>	<u>REMOVE</u>		<u>INSERT</u>	
	<u>C-S</u>	<u>Pages</u>	<u>C-S</u>	<u>Pages</u>
Chapter 1, Section 1.1 , <i>CHAMPVA Overview</i> . Clarifies Description that effective June 1986, CHAMPVA was responsible to determine beneficiary eligibility and adds U.S. territories (Palau, Micronesia, the Marshall Islands, and Guam).	1-1.1	1-2	1-1.1	1-2
Chapter 1, Section 2.1 , <i>Criteria for Coverage</i> . Adds hyperlink to Chapter 1, Section 2.4, <i>Spouse</i> .	1-2.1	1-1	1-2.1	1-1
Chapter 1, Section 2.2 , <i>Sponsor</i> . Clarifies Policy Consideration on coverage of dependents of veterans who die while on active duty.	1-2.2	1-3	1-2.2	1-3
Chapter 1, Section 2.3 , <i>Beneficiary</i> . Under Effective Date provides clarity regarding the date of dependency; and under Exclusions adds reference and hyperlink to Chapter 1, Section 2.6, <i>Medicare</i> and adds that dependents/survivors are not entitled to benefits if incarcerated.	1-2.3	1-3	1-2.3	1-2

<u>Chapter 1, Section 2.4</u> , <i>Spouse</i> . Adds hyperlink to Chapter 1, Section 2.3, <i>Beneficiary</i> .	1-2.4	1-3	1-2.4	1-3
<u>Chapter 2, Section 2.1</u> , <i>X-ray Mammography</i> . Adds Effective Date as September 26, 2001 for digital mammogram; adds HCPCS Level II codes G0202-G0206; and removes paragraph D from Policy regarding billing procedures.	2-2.1	1-3	2-2.1	1-3
<u>Chapter 2, Section 7.2</u> , <i>Auditory System</i> . Amends procedure code range.	2-7.2	1-1	2-7.2	1-1
<u>Chapter 2, Section 18.3</u> , <i>Psychotherapy</i> . Adds to Related Authority 199.4(g)(1); removes CPT codes 99221-99223; under Policy Considerations changes 5 inpatient psychotherapy sessions per week to 7 sessions per week; adds to Exclusions counseling services that are not medically necessary in the treatment of a diagnosed medical condition; for example, educational counseling, vocational counseling, nutrition counseling and marriage counseling.	2-18.3	1-4	2-18.3	1-4
<u>Chapter 2, Section 26.3</u> , <i>Computerized Tomography (CT)</i> . Changes Effective Date for standard CT scans to June 4, 1984, and amends procedure codes.	2-26.3	1-4	2-26.3	1-4
<u>Chapter 2, Section 26.7</u> , <i>Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) Magnetic Resonance Angiography (MRA) Magnetic Resonance Spectroscopy (MRS)</i> . Amends procedure codes.	2-26.7	1-6	2-26.7	1-6
<u>Chapter 2, Section 30.1</u> , <i>Physical Therapy</i> . Adds procedure code 93688.	2-30.1	1-19	2-30.1	1-19
<u>Chapter 2, Section 30.2</u> , <i>Occupational Therapy</i> . Corrects Related Authority line; adds procedure code(s) 97532 and 97533; adds to Exclusions CPT codes 97532 and 97533 when used as a restorative treatment.	2-30.2	1-3	2-30.2	1-3

Subject Index. Amended to update and include policies referenced in this transmittal.

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Codes Index. Amends index to add and delete codes referenced in policies. Changes are highlighted in the index for reference purposes.

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2. File this transmittal memorandum in the front of the CHAMPVA Policy Manual.

Susan Schmetzer
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