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Transmittal #62 CHAMPVA Policy Manual

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1. Explanation of changes and related index updates of the CHAMPVA Policy Manual and filing instructions are in the following summary:

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<u>Chapter 2, Section 6.1</u> , <i>Digestive System</i> . Amends Procedure Code(s); under Policy adds coverage indications for wireless capsule endoscopy; and under Exclusions adds contradictions for wireless capsule endoscopy.	2-6.1	1-2	2-6.1	1-2
<u>Chapter 2, Section 11.6</u> , <i>Transjugular Intrahepatic Portosystemic Shunt (TIPS)</i> . Removes TRICARE Policy Manual reference; adds Effective Date June 8, 2000, for refractory ascites; under Policy adds refractory ascites as an indication for TIPS; and under Exclusions removes treatment for refractory ascites.	2-11.6	1-2	2-11.6	1-2
<u>Chapter 2, Section 14.1</u> , <i>Maternity Care</i> . Removes 38 USC 1713 Authority reference and TRICARE Policy Manual reference and under Exclusions adds lymphocyte or paternal leukocyte immunotherapy in the treatment or recurrent spontaneous fetal loss and salivary estriol test for preterm labor.	2-14.1	1-4	2-14.1	1-4

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<p><u>Chapter 2, Section 17.4</u>, <i>Orthotics</i>. Removes 38 USC 1713 Authority reference and TRICARE Policy Manual reference; amends Procedure Code(s); and under Exclusions clarifies the non-coverage for cranial orthosis and cranial molding helmets.</p>	2-17.4	1-2	2-17.4	1-2
<p><u>Chapter 2, Section 20.1</u>, <i>Nervous System</i>. Removes 38 USC 1713 Authority reference and TRICARE Policy Manual reference; adds Effective Date of January 1, 1989, for pulmonary arteriovenous malformations; amends Procedure Code(s); under Description adds for therapeutic embolization; under Policy adds therapeutic embolization as a covered benefit; and under Exclusions adds transcatheter hepatic arterial embolization; N-butyl-2-cyanoacrylate; iodinated poppy seed oils; absorbable gelatin sponges; magnetoencephalography; and sacral nerve neurostimulator.</p>	2-20.1	1-1	2-20.1	1-2
<p><u>Chapter 2, Section 26.11</u>, <i>Single Photon Emission Computed Tomography (SPECT)</i>. Removes TRICARE Policy Manual reference.</p>	2-26.11	1-3	2-26.11	1-3
<p><u>Chapter 2, Section 27.1</u>, <i>Integumentary System</i>. Amends Procedure Code(s).</p>	2-27.1	1-5	2-27.1	1-5
<p><u>Chapter 2, Section 36.1</u>, <i>Male Genital System</i>. Removes TRICARE Policy Manual reference; and under Exclusions changes title of Chapter 2, Section 16.10, <i>Sexual Dysfunction and Sexual Inadequacy to Sexual Dysfunctions, Paraphilias and Gender Identity</i> and changes title of Chapter 2, Section 34.1, <i>Non-Invasive Peripheral Vascular Diagnostic Studies: Limb Arterial Studies to Non-Invasive Vascular Diagnostic Studies: Extremity Arterial Studies (including digits)</i>.</p>	2-36.1	1-4	2-36.1	1-4

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

Susan Schmetzer
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