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Transmittal #71 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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Chapter 1, Section 4.1 , <i>CHAMPVA Inhouse Treatment Initiative(CITI)</i> . Under Policy adds clarification to claims processing and that pre-authorization is not required for DME purchased through a CITI facility and adds Policy Considerations that when other health insurance exists a beneficiary cannot waive benefits of another health insurance in order to place CHAMPVA as the primary payer.	1-4.1	1-2	1-4.1	1-2
Chapter 2, Section 10.6 , <i>Ophthalmological Services</i> . Amends Procedure Codes; under Policy clarifies the coverage of ophthalmological services and removes reference to the helpless child; under Policy Considerations clarifies ophthalmological coverage to include eye disease associated with diabetes, glaucoma, and cataracts; and under Exclusions adds CPT codes and description of services associated with routine eye examinations and revises the ICD-9 codes.	2-10.6	1-2	2-10.6	1-2
Chapter 2, Section 12.1 , <i>Well-Child Care</i> . Amends Procedure Codes and under Policy Considerations adds galactosemia as a newborn screening procedure.	2-12.1	1-5	2-12.1	1-5

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<u>Chapter 2, Section 15.3</u> , <i>Home Visits</i> . Amends Procedure Codes.	2-15.3	1-2	2-15.3	1-2
<u>Chapter 2, Section 31.12</u> , <i>Combined Heart-Kidney Transplantation</i> . Removes 38 USC 1713 Authority and TRICARE Policy Manual reference; adds under Effective Date and Policy Considerations August 1, 2003, that payment for combined heart-kidney transplants will be made under the assigned DRG based on the patient's diagnosis.	2-31.12	1-5	2-31.12	1-5
<u>Chapter 2, Section 35.1</u> , <i>Female Genital System</i> . Under Policy Considerations adds hysteroscopy endometrial laser ablation (ELA); removes Limitations and adds this information to Effective Date; and under Exclusions adds cervicography.	2-35.1	1-3	2-35.1	1-3
<u>Chapter 2, Section 36.1</u> , <i>Male Genital System</i> . Under Exclusions adds cryosurgery for prostate metastases.	2-36.1	1-4	2-36.1	1-4
<u>Chapter 3, Section 5.3</u> , <i>Rebundling of Procedure Codes</i> . Removes 38 USC 1713 Authority and TRICARE Policy Manual reference; replaces Description with Definition and further clarifies fragmentation and unbundling; under Policy clarifies rebundling and the allowable charge determination resulting from rebundling.	3-5.3	1-2	3-5.3	1-2
<u>Chapter 3, Section 5.4</u> , <i>Medical Groups</i> . Removes 38 USC 1713 Authority and TRICARE Policy Manual reference and under Policy adds that all claim payments for services for medical groups or solo physicians are subject to the maximum payment methodologies.	3.5.4	1	3-5.4	1

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Codes Index. Amends index to add and delete codes referenced in policies.

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

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

Susan Schmetzer
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