

CHAMPVA POLICY MANUAL

CHAPTER: 2
SECTION: 12.3
TITLE: HEMOLYTIC DISEASE OF THE FETUS AND NEWBORN

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RELATED AUTHORITY: 32 CFR 199.4

I. PROCEDURE CODE(S)

36460 and 59012

II. DESCRIPTION

A. Intraperitoneal transfusion (IPT) is usually done when the fetus is at a very early gestational period when the fetal vessels are too small to access or when the fetus' umbilical cord cannot be accessed because of position or abnormal structure.

B. Intravascular transfusion (IVT) is performed when the fetus vessel can be accessed.

III. POLICY

The following procedures may be cost shared when medically necessary and appropriate for the management of hemolytic disease of the fetus and newborn.

1. Intrauterine fetal transfusion (CPT 36460), using either IPT or IVT methods.
2. Ultrasonic guided fetal blood sampling (CPT 59012), referred to as percutaneous umbilical blood sampling (PUBS), cordocentesis, and funiculocentesis.

IV. POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

IVT is a direct transfusion technique, wherein the fetus is transfused by way of the umbilical vessel using a technique guided by ultrasound.

V. EXCLUSIONS

IVT and IPT intrauterine fetal transfusions performed together (concurrently) are excluded as investigational.

END OF POLICY