

CHAMPVA POLICY MANUAL

CHAPTER: 2
SECTION: 12.5
TITLE: PEDIATRIC MICROSURGERY REPAIR FOR OBSTETRIC BRACHIAL PLEXUS PALSY

AUTHORITY: 38 USC 1713; 38 CFR 17.270(a) and 17.272(a)

RELATED AUTHORITY: 32 CFR 199.4(c)(2)(xiii) and (c)(3)(xiii)

TRICARE POLICY MANUAL: Chapter 3, Section 15.15

I. PROCEDURE CODE(S)

64713, 64774, 64861, 64866, and 64902

II. DESCRIPTION

Pediatric Microsurgery Repair is a procedure done to reconstruct or reattach a damaged brachial plexus consequence of a difficult delivery. Multiple procedures may be performed on a single plexus depending upon where the injury took place. Procedures include, but are not limited to: external neurolysis (neuroplasty), internal neurolysis (fascicles identified), nerve grafting, excision of neuroma, neuroma dissection, and removal and direct end-to-end nerve repair.

III. POLICY

CHAMPVA may cost-share medically necessary services and supplies for Pediatrics Microscopic Repair for Obstetric Brachial Plexus Palsy when the medical record demonstrates no signs of spontaneous recovery by 4 months of age.

IV. POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

- A. The clinical examination is the most important single determining factor for surgery.
- B. The presence of pseudomeningocles on myelography does not prohibit coverage.
- C. If previously denied claims are brought to the attention of CHAMPVA, the claims shall be reprocessed following the above policy.

END OF POLICY