

CHAMPVA POLICY MANUAL

CHAPTER: 2
SECTION: 25.4
TITLE: INTERMITTENT POSITIVE PRESSURE TREATMENT

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I. EFFECTIVE DATE

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II. PROCEDURE CODE(S)

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III. DESCRIPTION

Intermittent positive pressure breathing (IPPB) treatment consists of the use of a pressure-limited respirator to deliver a gas, with or without humidity and/or an aerosol solution, at various preset intervals to mechanically aid lung expansion, to deliver drugs, or to assist respiration. IPPB is commonly administered through a mouthpiece for short periods of time.

IV. POLICY

IPPB treatment may be cost shared under CHAMPVA for the following indications for patients:

1. at risk of respiratory failure because of decreased respiratory function secondary to kyphoscoliosis or neuromuscular disorder,
2. with acute severe bronchospasm or exacerbated chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), who fail to respond to other standard therapy, or
3. requiring management of atelectasis that has not improved with simpler therapy (e.g., incentive spirometry, postural drainage, aerosol therapy).

END OF POLICY