

## CHAMPVA POLICY MANUAL

CHAPTER: 3  
SECTION: 5.6  
TITLE: **ECONOMIC INTEREST IN CONNECTION WITH REFERRALS**

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**RELATED AUTHORITY:** 32 CFR 199.4(g)(73)

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### I. EFFECTIVE DATE

March 13, 1992

### II. POLICY

Unless a waiver is granted, services are excluded for care received when a patient is referred to a provider of such services by a physician (or other healthcare professional) who has an economic interest in the facility to which the patient is referred.

Requests for waiver shall be considered on a case-by-case basis. If a situation arises where a decision is made to exclude payment solely on the basis of the provider's economic interest, the normal CHAMPVA **reconsideration/appeals** process will be available.

### III. EXCLUSIONS

The economic interest provision does not apply to psychiatric partial hospitalization.

**\*END OF POLICY\***