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Transmittal #39, 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:

<u>SUMMARY</u>	<u>REMOVE</u>		<u>INSERT</u>	
	<u>C-S</u>	<u>Pages</u>	<u>C-S</u>	<u>Pages</u>
Chapter 1, Section 2.4 , <i>Spouse</i> . Adds clarity to policy in the development of continuous cohabitation determinations.	1-2.4	1-3	1-2.4	1-3
Chapter 1, Section 2.5 , <i>Child</i> . Adds clarity to Policy Considerations in determining full-time school attendance, vacation periods and holidays, and defines that if a student withdraws during the semester or quarter, full-time school status is not established.	1-2.5	1-5	1-2.5	1-6
Chapter 1, Section 3.1 , <i>Application for Benefits</i> . Adds to policy the requirement for a copy of DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty) to accompany an application.	1-3.1	1-3	1-3.1	1-3
Chapter 2, Section 3.5 , <i>Prostate Cancer</i> . Adds new CPT code 84152, prostate specific Antigen (PSA).	2-3.5	1	2-3.5	1
Chapter 2, Section 10.4 , <i>Lenses (Intraocular or Contact) and Eye Glasses</i> . Adds to Exclusions special features on eye glasses (tinting or transitional lenses) unless prescribed by a physician as being medically necessary.	2-10.4	1-3	2-10.4	1-3

Chapter 2, Section 17.2 , <i>Oxygen and Oxygen Supplies</i> . Clarifies that oxygen, supplies, and equipment, to include oxygen concentrators, are subject to the allowable charge payment methodology and adds the policy, <i>Durable Medical Equipment and Supplies</i> , as a related reference.	2-17.2	1-3	2-17.2	1-3
Chapter 2, Section 17.6 , <i>Therapeutic Shoes For Diabetics</i> . Corrects spelling error.	2-17.6	1-2	2-17.6	1-2
Chapter 2, Section 22.5 , <i>Botulinum Toxin A Injections</i> . Adds to Exclusions botulinum toxin type A (BOTOX®) for the treatment or prevention of migraine headaches.	2-30.15	1-2	2-30.15	1-2
Chapter 2, Section 26.3 , <i>Computerized Tomography (CT)</i> . Adds Exclusions for CT or Ultrafast scanning for asymptomatic patients in assessment of quantification of coronary calcification and preventive screenings.	2-26.3	1-4	2-26.3	1-4
Chapter 2, Section 26.14 , <i>Ultrasound (General)</i> . Amends code range to read 76930-76965 and adds to Limitations pelvis ultrasound when ordered by a physician if there is a personal history of biopsy proven benign ovarian disease and/or a mother, sister, or daughter has been diagnosed with ovarian cancer.	2-26.14	1-3	2-26.14	1-3
Chapter 2, Section 31.1 , <i>Donor Costs</i> . Clarifies under Policy Considerations that donor team acquisition and donor costs will be paid on a reasonable cost basis.	2-31.1	1-2	3-31.1	1-2
Chapter 3, Section 2.2 , <i>Deductible</i> . Adds clarification that a deductible is applicable for professional services received in an ambulatory surgery setting and there is not a deductible for facility charges provided in ambulatory surgery or partial hospitalization settings.	3-2.2	1-2	3-2.2	1-2
Chapter 3, Section 5.9 , <i>Surgery Reimbursement</i> . Adds to Definitions allowable charges.	3-5.9	1-4	3-5.9	1-4

<u>Chapter 3, Section 6.3</u> , <i>Cost-To-Charge (CTC) Payment System</i> . Adds rehabilitation hospitals as being subject to the CTC payment system and adds a Note that rehabilitation hospitals do not include SUDRF's, psychiatric, and substance use disorder rehabilitation partial hospitalizations.	3-6.3	1-6	3-6.3	1-6
<u>Chapter 3, Section 7.1</u> , <i>Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC) Reimbursement</i> . Clarifies that payment of professional fees, to include anesthesiologists, are reimbursed separately, and adds that the beneficiary is responsible for charges associated with noncovered services.	3-7.1	1-4	3-7.1	1-5
Subject Index . Modified to update and include policies referenced in this transmittal.	A-1 thru A-6 B-1 thru B-3 R-1 thru R-4		A-1 thru A-6 B-1 thru B-3 R-1 thru R-4	
Codes Index . Amends index to add and delete codes referenced in policies. Changes are highlighted in the index for reference purposes.	1-25		1-26	

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

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