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Transmittal #61 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:

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<u>Master Table of Contents, (MTOC)</u> . Changes title of Chapter 2, Section 5.9, <i>Hospital Services In Connection With Noncovered Dental Care to Dental Care With Coexisting Covered Medical Conditions Requiring a Hospital Setting</i> and changes title of Chapter 2, Section 30.1, <i>Physical Therapy to Physical Medicine/Therapy</i> .	MTOC MTOC	3-4 15-16	MTOC MTOC	3-4 15-16
<u>Chapter 1, Section 2.2</u> , <i>Sponsor</i> . Under Policy Considerations adds a Note that when the retired reserve service member turns age 60 and receives retired pay, he/she and his/her eligible family member becomes eligible for TRICARE.	1-2.2	1-2	1-2.2	1-3
<u>Chapter 1, Section 3.1</u> , <i>Application For Benefits</i> . Under Policy clarifies the VBA rating decision, verifying that a veteran is permanently and totally disabled due to a service-connected condition, may be submitted to expedite the processing of the CHAMPVA application.	1-3.1	1-4	1-3.1	1.4
<u>Chapter 2, Table of Contents</u> . Changes title of Chapter 2, Section 5.9, <i>Hospital Services In Connection With Noncovered Dental Care to Dental Care With Coexisting Covered Medical Conditions Requiring a Hospital Setting</i> and changes title of Chapter 2, Section 30.1, <i>Physical Therapy to Physical Medicine/Therapy</i> .	TOC-2	1-13	TOC-2	1-13

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Chapter 2, Section 5.9, *Dental Care With Coexisting Covered Medical Conditions Requiring a Hospital Setting*. Changes title of policy; clarifies Policy to include covered services associated with dental care due to a severe medical condition or potential medical complications; and under Exclusions adds non-covered services.

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Chapter 2, Section 10.6, *Ophthalmological Services*. Amends Procedure Codes and adds to Exclusions orthoptic and/or pleoptic training.

2-10.6 1-2 2-10.6 1-2

Chapter 2, Section 18.10, *Preauthorization Requirements for Acute Hospital Psychiatric Care*. Under Effective Date adds October 1, 2003, for waiver of preauthorization and under Policy adds that preauthorization of inpatient mental health care is not required when Medicare has already authorized the care.

2-18.10 1-4 2-18.10 1-4

Chapter 2, Section 18.16, *Preauthorization Requirements for Substance Use Disorders Detoxification and Rehabilitation*. Under Effective Date adds October 1, 2003, for waiver of preauthorization and under Policy adds that preauthorization of inpatient mental health care is not required when Medicare has already authorized the care.

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Chapter 2, Section 24.1, *Prosthetic Devices*. Amends Procedure Codes.

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Chapter 2, Section 26.7, *Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI), Magnetic Resonance Angiography (MRA), Magnetic Resonance Spectroscopy (MRS)*. Amends Procedure Codes and under Policy clarifies that an MRA, MRI or open MRI with or without contrast media is covered when medically necessary, appropriate, and the standard of care.

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Chapter 2, Section 30.1. *Physical Medicine/ Therapy.* Changes policy title; amends Procedure Codes; under Policy adds that physical therapy services must be prescribed by a physician; and under Exclusions removes gait analysis and adds athletic training evaluations.

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Chapter 2, Section 30.2. *Occupational Therapy.* Amends Procedure Codes and under Exclusions removes gait analysis and reference to cardiac rehabilitation.

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Codes Index. Amends index to add and delete codes referenced in policies.

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Subject Index. Amended to update and include policies referenced in this transmittal.

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

Susan Schmetzer
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