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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>Chapter 2, Table of Contents</u> . Changes title of Chapter 2, Section 31.5, from <i>Simultaneous Pancreas-Kidney (SPK), Pancreas After Kidney (PAK) and Pancreas Performed Alone Transplantation (PTA)</i> to <i>Simultaneous Pancreas-Kidney (SPK), Pancreas After Kidney (PAK), and Pancreas Transplant Alone (PTA)</i> . | TOC-2 | 11-13 | TOC-2 | 11-13 |
| <u>Chapter 2, Section 26.6</u> , <i>Echocardiogram For Dental and Invasive Procedures</i> . Removes 38 USC 1713 and TRICARE Policy Manual references. | 2-26.6 | 1-2 | 2-26.6 | 1-2 |
| <u>Chapter 2, Section 31.2</u> , <i>Heart Transplantation</i> . Removes 38 USC 1713 and TRICARE Policy Manual references; amends Procedure Code(s); | 2-31.2 | 1-7 | 2-31.2 | 1-6 |

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under Policy, adds criteria for coverage of a transplantation center; under Policy Considerations clarifies criteria for coverage for a transplant facility; under Exceptions adds criteria coverage for an unauthorization transplantation center; under Exclusions adds prolonged extracorporeal circulation for cardiopulmonary insufficiency; and removes Limitations.

Chapter 2, Section 31.3, *Heart-Lung and Lung Transplantation*. Removes TRICARE Policy Manual reference; amends Procedure Code(s); under Policy adds criteria for coverage of a transplantation center; under Policy Considerations adds inpatient coverage when a patient is discharged less than 24 hours; and removes Exceptions.

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Chapter 2, Section 31.4, *Kidney Transplant*. Removes TRICARE Reference; amends Procedure Code(s); under Policy adds criteria for coverage of a transplantation center and criteria that must be met by the patient for a kidney transplantation; and under Policy Considerations clarifies criteria for a transplant facility.

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Chapter 2, Section 31.5, *Simultaneous Pancreas-Kidney (SPK), Pancreas After Kidney (PAK) and Pancreas Transplant Alone (PTA)*. Changes title of policy; under Effective Date adds coverage on October 1, 1995, for SPK transplants and January 1, 1996, for PAK and PTA transplants; amends Procedure Code(s); under Policy adds criteria for coverage of a transplantation center and coverage for patients that are suffering from concomitant, Type I diabetes mellitus, and FDA approved immunosuppression drugs to include off-label uses; under Policy Considerations clarifies criteria for a transplant facility; and under Exceptions adds pancreatic islet transplantation and significant coronary artery disease.

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| <u>Chapter 2, Section 31.7</u> , <i>Liver Transplantation</i> . Adds Effective Date of December 1, 1996, for hepatitis B; under Policy adds criteria for coverage of a transplantation center, adds that prior to transplantation the patient has demonstrated plans for long term adherence to a disciplined medical regiment, and modifies criteria for patients with alcoholic cirrhosis; and under Policy Considerations clarifies criteria for coverage for a transplant facility. | 2-31.7 | 1-6 | 2-31.7 | 1-5 |
| <u>Chapter 2, Section 31.8</u> , <i>Combined Liver-Kidney Transplantation</i> . Removes USC and TRICARE References; amends Procedure Code(s); under Policy adds criteria for coverage of a transplantation center; under Policy Considerations clarifies coverage for an unauthorized transplant; and under Exceptions provides coverage criteria for a patient that has a history of alcohol or substance abuse. | 2-31.8 | 1-5 | 2-31.8 | 1-5 |
| Codes Index. Amends index to add and delete codes referenced in policies. | 1-29 | | 1-29 | |
| Subject Index. Amends index to update and include policies referenced in this transmittal. | P-1 thru T-3 | P-12 thru T-6 | P-1 thru T-3 | P-13 thru T-6 |

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

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