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Transmittal #64 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> . Adds the following new policies, Chapter 2, Section 4.11, <i>GDC – Endovascular Coiling For Unruptured Intracranial Aneurysms</i> and Chapter 2, Section 15.10, <i>Health and Behavior Assessment/Intervention</i> .	MTOC	1-18	MTOC	1-19
<u>Chapter 2, Table of Contents</u> . Adds the following new policies: Chapter 2, Section 4.11, <i>GDC – Endovascular Coiling For Unruptured Intracranial Aneurysms</i> ; and Chapter 2, Section 15.10, <i>Health and Behavior Assessment/Intervention</i> .	TOC-2	1-13	TOC-2	1-14
<u>Chapter 2, Section 4.11</u> , <i>GDC - Endovascular Coiling For Unruptured Intracranial Aneurysms</i> . Adds new policy.			2-4.11	1-2
<u>Chapter 2, Section 15.3</u> , <i>Home Visits</i> . Removes 38 USC 1713 authority; removes TRICARE Policy Manual reference; amends Procedure Code(s); and adds Exclusions for non-covered home visits services with CPT codes.	2-15.3	1-2	2-15.3	1-2
<u>Chapter 2, Section 15.10</u> , <i>Health and Behavior Assessment/Intervention</i> . Adds new policy.			2-15.10	1

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<p><u>Chapter 2, Section 16.1</u>, <i>Allergy Testing and Treatment</i>. Removes 38 USC 1713 authority; removes TRICARE Policy Manual reference; amends Procedure Code(s); and under Exclusions adds in vitro allergy testing criteria, removes Rinkel method testing, adds serial skin-test end point titration for routine testing, and removes scratch skin testing.</p>	2-16.1	1-4	2-16.1	1-4
<p><u>Chapter 2, Section 17.18</u>, <i>Mucus Clearance Devices</i>. Removes 38 USC 1713 authority; removes TRICARE Policy Manual reference; under Effective Date adds February 21, 2003, for the Modified Vest TM Airway Clearance System.</p>	2-17.18	1	2-17.18	1
<p><u>Chapter 2, Section 18.3</u>, <i>Psychotherapy</i>. Amends Procedure Code(s); and amends Policy Considerations to define time limit for psychotherapy sessions, adds frequency limitations for outpatient psychotherapy, and adds CPT codes for collateral visits and psychoanalysis.</p>	2-18.3	1-4	2-18.3	1-4
<p><u>Chapter 2, Section 18.8</u>, <i>Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder</i>. Removes 38 USC 1713 authority; removes TRICARE Policy Manual reference; amends Description for attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder; and under Exclusions removes reference to Test of Variables of Attention (TOVA).</p>	2-18.8	1-2	2-18.8	1-2
<p><u>Chapter 2, Section 25.2</u>, <i>Pulmonary Services</i>. Removes 38 USC 1713 authority; removes TRICARE Policy Manual reference; adds Effective Date for chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) services; amends Policy to add coverage for severe COPD as an inpatient, and coverage for moderate and severe COPD as an outpatient; and removes Exceptions to policy regarding cardiopulmonary or pulmonary rehabilitaton.</p>	2-25.2	1-2	2-25.2	1-2

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Chapter 2, Section 26.15, *Ultrasound Guided Sclerotherapy*. Removes 38 USC 1713 authority; removes TRICARE Policy Manual reference; amends Procedure Codes; and adds under Exclusions the treatment of varicose veins to treat spider veins.

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

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Subject Index. Amends index 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.

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