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SUMMARY OF CHANGES

CHAPTER 4

1. Section 20.1. Added coverage for endoscopic laminotomy for the treatment of lumbar spinal stenosis. The endoscopic spinal system used in the procedure must be FDA approved. Effective date of coverage is January 1, 2009. Laser ablation of paravertebral facet joint is unproven and added as an exclusion.

CHAPTER 5

2. Section 4.1. Added coverage for PET/CT for metastatic bladder cancer. Effective date of coverage is January 1, 2010.

CHAPTER 7

3. Section 27.1. Botox (OnabotulinumtoxinA) and Myobloc (RimabotulinumtoxinB) injections may be considered for off-label cost-sharing for the treatment of sialorrhea associated with anticholinergics. Effective date of coverage October 1, 2009.

