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SUMMARY OF CHANGES

CHAPTER 1

1. Section 1.1 (Exclusions). This change provides a clarifying note regarding TRICARE's exclusion of the coverage of services and supplies paid for directly or indirectly by a local, state, or Federal Government.
2. Section 2.1 (Unproven Drugs, Devices, Medical Treatments, and Procedures). This change corrects a typo that changes the word "casual" to "causal" when describing cases where cost sharing may be allowed.

CHAPTER 2

3. Table of Contents, Section 7.1 (Urgent Care). This change deletes the Chapter 2 Table of Contents reference to Chapter 2, Section 7.1 (regarding Urgent Care) and also deletes Chapter 2, Section 7.1 (Urgent Care).
4. Section 7.1 (Urgent Care). This change deletes Chapter 2, Section 7.1 (Urgent Care).

CHAPTER 4

5. Section 2.1 (Cosmetic, Reconstructive and Plastic Surgery-General Guidelines). This change adds coverage exclusion for the rhytidectomy procedure (CPT codes 15824 and 15828) except when performed to improve a bodily function.
6. Section 4.1 (Assistant Surgeons). This change clarifies that nurse practitioners can be assistant surgeons (along with physicians dentists, podiatrists, certified physician assistant, or certified nurse midwives) acting within the scope of their license who actively assist the operating surgeon in the performance of a covered surgical service. This clarification was made to make the Policy Manual consistent with Chapter 1, Section 6 of the Reimbursement Manual (which allows for reimbursement of nurse practitioners as assistant surgeons).
7. Section 17.1 (Surgery). The change provides clarifying language on coverage for UAE.
8. Section 22.1 (Auditory System). This change adds a coverage exclusion for a pulse generator system for the tympanic treatment of inner ear endolymphatic fluid (HCPCS code E2120).

SUMMARY OF CHANGES (Continued)

CHAPTER 4 (Continued)

9. Section 24.1 (Heart-Lung and Lung Transplantation). This section presents TRICARE's policy for the coverage of heart-lung, single lung, double lung, and living donor lobar lung transplantation. Factors relating to smoking and age are modified under this change.

CHAPTER 7

10. Sections 2.1 (Clinical Preventive Services-TRICARE Standard) and 2.2 (Clinical Preventive Services-TRICARE Prime). There are two separate changes to Prime and Standard clinical preventive services: 1) relates to physical exams and PSA tests for screening for prostate cancer and 2) ultrasonography screening for abdominal aortic aneurysm (AAA).
11. Section 3.13 (Psychotherapy). This change added a newapy (a description of psychotherapy was absent from Chapter 7, Section 3.13 before). This change also adds a clarification to the Policy Section of this section of the Policy Manual indicating that eye movement desensitization and reprocessing (EMDR) is not psychotherapy and is thus excluded from coverage.
12. Section 7.1 (Speech Services). This change adds language indicating that for beneficiaries under the age of 3, services and items provided in accordance with the beneficiary's Individualized Family Service Plan as required by Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, but determined not to be medically or psychologically necessary, are excluded from TRICARE coverage.

CHAPTER 8

13. Section 15.1 (Custodial Care Transitional Policy (CCTP)). Provides a corrected fax number for OCMO.

CHAPTER 9

14. Section 1.1 (General). This change simply replaces the phrase "Individual Education Plan" with "Individualized Educational Program" consistent with language in the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).
15. Section 2.2 (Eligibility-Qualifying Condition: Mental Retardation). In the exclusion reference under Section II, a reference to "paragraph I.C.2" was appropriately changed to "paragraph I.C." because I.C.2 does not exist.

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16. Section 5.1 (Public Facility Use Certification). This change simply replaces the phrase "Individual Family Service Plan" with "Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP)" and "Individual Education Plan" with "Individualized Educational Program" consistent with language in the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

CHAPTER 11

17. Section 3.4 (Nurse Anesthetist). Added the word "END" to the end of the issuance.

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18. Index (page 23). This change deletes "Urgent Care" (Chapter 2, Section 7.1) from the Index.