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## **SUMMARY OF CHANGES**

### **CHAPTER 4**

1. Section 9.1.
  - a. This change confirms that sufficient reliable evidence exists to support the determination that Endovenous Radiofrequency Ablation (RFA) for the treatment of saphenous venous reflux w/ incompetent perforator veins is proven safe and effective. EFFECTIVE DATE: 05/01/11.
  - b. This change confirms that sufficient evidence exists to support the determination that the off-label use of Endovenous Laser Ablation/Therapy (EVLT) for the treatment of saphenous venous reflux w/ incompetent perforator veins is safe and effective. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/27/12.
2. Section 24.2. This change confirms that sufficient reliable evidence exists to support the determination that the SynCardia temporary Total Artificial Heart (TAH) is proven safe and effective for the treatment of end-stage biventricular heart failure when used as a bridge to heart transplantation. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/18/2005.

### **APPENDIX A**

3. This change adds Humanitarian Device Exemption (HDE) and Total Artificial Heart (TAH) to the Acronyms and Abbreviations list.

