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SUBJECT: Screening Pelvic Examinations

I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES: This CR revises chapter 18 to clarify some unclear language regarding elements needed during a screening pelvic examination.

New / Revised Material

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Disclaimer for manual changes only: The revision date and transmittal number apply only to red italicized material. Any other material was previously published and remains unchanged. However, if this revision contains a table of contents, you will receive the new/revised information only, and not the entire table of contents.

II. CHANGES IN MANUAL INSTRUCTIONS: (N/A if manual is not updated)

R=REVISED, N=NEW, D=DELETED

R/N/D	CHAPTER/SECTION/SUBSECTION/TITLE
R	18/40/Screening Pelvic Examination

III. FUNDING:

SECTION A: For Fiscal Intermediaries and Carriers:

No additional funding will be provided by CMS; contractor activities are to be carried out within their operating budgets.

SECTION B: For Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs):

The Medicare Administrative Contractor is hereby advised that this constitutes technical direction as defined in your contract. CMS does not construe this as a change to the MAC Statement of Work. The contractor is not obligated to incur costs in excess of the amounts allotted in your contract unless and until specifically authorized by the contracting officer. If the contractor considers anything provided, as described above, to be outside the current scope of work, the contractor shall withhold performance on the part(s) in question and immediately notify the contracting officer, in writing or by e-mail, and request formal directions regarding continued performance requirements.

IV. ATTACHMENTS:

Business Requirements

Manual Instruction

**Unless otherwise specified, the effective date is the date of service.*

Attachment - Business Requirements

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I. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. Background: It has been brought to CMS’ attention that currently Pub. 100-04, chapter 18, section 40 contains misleading information regarding screening pelvic examinations and elements needed to perform the examination. The manual is not clear on what elements are needed during a screening pelvic examination. This change request adds language to section 40 that will clarify what elements should be included when performing a screening pelvic examination.

B. Policy: No change in policy. This CR simply clarifies what elements should be included when performing a screening pelvic examination.

II. BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS TABLE

Use “Shall” to denote a mandatory requirement

Number	Requirement	Responsibility (place an “X” in each applicable column)									
		A / B M A C	D M E M A C	F I 	C A R R I E R	R H I 	Shared-System Maintainers				OTHER
							F I S S	M C S	V M S	C W F	
6085.1	Contractors shall note the revisions made to Pub 100-04, chapter 18, section 40.	X		X	X						

III. PROVIDER EDUCATION TABLE

Number	Requirement	Responsibility (place an “X” in each applicable column)									
		A / B M A C	D M E M A C	F I 	C A R R I E R	R H I 	Shared-System Maintainers				OTHER
							F I S S	M C S	V M S	C W F	
6085.2	A provider education article related to this instruction will be available at http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/ shortly after the CR is released. You will receive notification of the article release via the established "MLN Matters" listserv.	X		X	X						

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							F I S S	M C S	V M S	C W F	
	Contractors shall post this article, or a direct link to this article, on their Web site and include information about it in a listserv message within 1 week of the availability of the provider education article. In addition, the provider education article shall be included in your next regularly scheduled bulletin. Contractors are free to supplement MLN Matters articles with localized information that would benefit their provider community in billing and administering the Medicare program correctly.										

IV. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Section A: For any recommendations and supporting information associated with listed requirements, use the box below: N/A

Use "Should" to denote a recommendation.

X-Ref Requirement Number	Recommendations or other supporting information:

Section B: For all other recommendations and supporting information, use this space: N/A

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40 - Screening Pelvic Examinations

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Section 4102 of the BBA of 1997 (P.L. 105-33) amended [§1861\(nn\)](#) of the Act (42 USC 1395X(nn)) to include Medicare Part B coverage of screening pelvic examinations *(including a clinical breast examination)* for all female beneficiaries for services provided January 1, 1998 and later. Effective July 1, 2001, the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2001 (P.L. 106-554) modifies §1861(nn) to provide Medicare Part B coverage for biennial screening pelvic examinations. A screening pelvic examination *with or without specimen collection for smears and cultures*, should include at least seven of the following *eleven* elements:

- Inspection and palpation of breasts for masses or lumps, tenderness, symmetry, or nipple discharge;
- Digital rectal examination including sphincter tone, presence of hemorrhoids, and rectal masses;
- External genitalia (for example, general appearance, hair distribution, or lesions);
- Urethral meatus (for example, size, location, lesions, or prolapse);
- Urethra (for example, masses, tenderness, or scarring);
- Bladder (for example, fullness, masses, or tenderness);
- Vagina (for example, general appearance, estrogen effect, discharge, lesions, pelvic support, cystocele, or rectocele);
- Cervix (for example, general appearance, lesions or discharge)
- Uterus (for example, size, contour, position, mobility, tenderness, consistency, descent, or support);
- Adnexa/parametria (for example, masses, tenderness, organomegaly, or nodularity); and
- Anus and perineum.