

REGIONAL SPECIFIC RATES FOR PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITALS AND UNITS WITH LOW TRICARE VOLUME

United States census region	Rate*
Northeast:	
New England	\$618
Mid-Atlantic	594
Midwest:	
East North Central	513
West North Central	484
South:	
South Atlantic	612
East South Central	663
West South Central	558
West:	
Mountain	557
Pacific	657

*Wage portion of the rate, subject to the area wage adjustment: 71.56 percent

Beneficiary Cost-Share: Beneficiary cost-share (other than dependents of active duty members) for care paid on the basis of a regional per diem rate is the lower of \$164 per day or 25 percent of the hospital billed charges effective for services rendered on or after October 1, 2003

Cap Amount: Updated cap amount for hospitals and units with high TRICARE volume is \$776 per day for FY 2004.

The following reflect an update of 3.4 percent for FY 2004.

PARTIAL HOSPITALIZATION RATES FOR FULL-DAY AND HALF-DAY PROGRAMS FY 2004

United States census region	Full-day rate (6 hours or more)	Half-day rate (3–5 hours)
Northeast:		
New England (ME, NH, VT, MA, RI, CT)	\$248	\$186
Mid-Atlantic (NY, NJ, PA)	268	201
Midwest:		
East North Central (OH, IN, IL, MI, WI)	236	177
West North Central (MN, IA, MO, ND, SD, NE, KS)	236	177
South:		
South Atlantic (DE, MD, DC, VA, NY, NC, SC, GA, FL) ..	255	191

PARTIAL HOSPITALIZATION RATES FOR FULL-DAY AND HALF-DAY PROGRAMS FY 2004—Continued

United States census region	Full-day rate (6 hours or more)	Half-day rate (3–5 hours)
East South Central (KY, TN, AL, MS) ..	275	206
West South Central (AR, LA, TX, OK) ..	275	206
West:		
Mountain (MT, ID, WY, CO, NM, AZ, UT, NV) ..	278	209
Pacific (WA, OR, CA, AK, HI) ...	272	204

The above rates are effective for services rendered on or after December 1, 2003.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Defense Science Board

AGENCY: Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice of advisory committee meeting cancellations.

SUMMARY: The Defense Science Board Task Force on Enabling Joint Force Capabilities meeting scheduled for September 22, 2003, was canceled due to Hurricane Isabel. The follow-on meeting on September 29, 2003, has also been canceled.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

United States European Command Senior Advisory Group

AGENCY: United States European Command, DoD

ACTION: Notice of closed meeting.

SUMMARY: The United States European Command Senior Advisory Group (USEUCOM SAG) will meet in closed session on October 6 and 7, 2003 at the National Defense University in Washington, DC. The two-day meeting will be discussing issues regarding the European Theater Transformation Campaign Plan and such material cannot be segregated without defeating the purpose of the meeting. Access to the information will be limited to personnel with the specific clearances and need-to-know.

This meeting will include classified matters within the meaning of the Federal Advisory Committee Act in accordance with 5 U.S.C., App 2, Section 10(d), 5 U.S.C., Section 552b(c), and Executive Order 12958 dated April 17, 1995.

DATES: October 6 and 7, 2003.

ADDRESSES: National Defense University, Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. J. Mahar, (703) 614-6465.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Deputy Secretary of Defense Policy Memorandum, Subject: Ensuring the Quality of Information Disseminated to the Public by the Department of Defense, Dated February 10, 2003

AGENCY: Assistant Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: This notice is being published to notify interested persons of a new Web site address. The Department of Defense Memorandum, previously available at a different address, providing final guidelines for ensuring and maximizing the quality, objectivity, utility, and integrity of information disseminated to the public are available on Web site: <http://www.defenselink.mil/pubs/>. The Department of Defense published an earlier notice of availability for these guidelines on March 26, 2003 (68 FR 14599).

DATES: February 10, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Ms. Janet Unger, OASD (PA), Office of the Assistant Secretary of