

history records and related fees for administering the Act;

(2) Developing a certification form for execution by authorized employers under § 105.25(a) and receiving authorized employers' certifications;

(3) Receiving the fingerprint submissions and fees from the authorized employer; performing a check of state criminal history records; if necessary, transmitting the fingerprints to the FBI; remitting the FBI fees consistent with established interagency agreements; and receiving the results of the FBI check;

(4) Applying the relevant standards to any CHRI returned by the fingerprint check and notifying the authorized employer of the results of the application of the standards as required under § 105.23(e);

(5) Providing to an employee upon his or her request a copy of CHRI upon which an adverse determination was predicated; and

(6) Maintaining, for a period of no less than three years, auditable records regarding

(i) Maintenance and dissemination of CHRI; and

(ii) The employer's certification.

(c) If relevant CHRI is lacking disposition information, the SIB or responsible agency in a participating State will make reasonable efforts to obtain such information to promote the accuracy of the record and the integrity of the application of the relevant standards. If additional time beyond a State's standard response time is needed to find relevant disposition information, the SIB or responsible agency may advise the authorized employer that additional research is necessary before a final response can be provided. If raised, a participating State should take into account the effect of post-conviction relief.

#### § 105.27 Miscellaneous provisions.

(a) *Alternate State availability.* (1) An authorized employer may submit the employee's fingerprints to the SIB of a participating State other than the State of employment—provided it obtains the permission of the accommodating State—if the authorized employer is prevented from submitting an employee's fingerprints because the employee's employment is in:

(i) A State that does not have an applicable Public Law 92-544 statute authorizing state and national fingerprint-based criminal history checks of prospective and current private security officers and has elected to opt out; or

(ii) A participating State that has not yet established a process for receiving

fingerprints and processing the checks under the regulations in this subpart.

(2) A participating State agreeing to process checks under this subsection will discontinue doing so if thereafter the State of the employee's employment establishes a process State and national fingerprint-based criminal history checks of prospective and current private security officers.

(b) *FBI fees for national check.* The fee imposed by the FBI to perform a fingerprint-based criminal history record check is that routinely charged for noncriminal justice fingerprint submissions as periodically noticed in the **Federal Register**.

(c) *Penalties for misuse.* (1) In addition to incarceration for a period not to exceed two years, one who knowingly and intentionally misuses information (including a State's notification) received pursuant to the Act may be subject to a fine pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 3571.

(2) Consistent with State law, a violation of these regulations may also result in the divestiture of "authorized employer" status, thereby precluding an employer which provides security services from submitting fingerprints for a State and national criminal history record check.

(d) *Exclusion from coverage.*  
[Reserved.]

Dated: January 5, 2006.

**Alberto R. Gonzales,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

#### 32 CFR Part 199

[DOD-2006-OS-002]

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#### **TRICARE; Revision of Participating Providers Reimbursement Rate; TRICARE Dental Program (TDP)**

**AGENCY:** Department of Defense.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Department is publishing this final rule to revise the requirements and procedures for the reimbursement of TRICARE Dental program participating providers. Participating providers will no longer be reimbursed at the equivalent of a percentile of prevailing charges sufficiently above the 50th percentile of prevailing charges made for similar services in the same

locality (region) or state, or the provider's actual charge, whichever is lower, less any cost-share amount due for authorized services. Specifically, the revision will require TRICARE Dental Program participating providers to be reimbursed in accordance with the contractor's network agreements, less any cost-share amount due for authorized services.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** January 11, 2006.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Col. Gary C. Martin, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs)/TRICARE Management Activity, telephone (703) 681-0039.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **I. Overview of the Rule**

This final rule revises the provision found in 32 CFR 199.13 that requires the TRICARE Dental Program contractor to reimburse participating providers at the equivalent of a percentile of prevailing charges sufficiently above the 50th percentile of prevailing charges made for similar services in the same locality (region) or state, or the provider's actual charge, whichever is lower, less any cost-share amount due for authorized services. This provision was included in the regulation to constitute a significant financial incentive for participation of providers in the contractor's network and to ensure a network of quality providers through use of a higher reimbursement rate. This provision, however, places an unnecessary restriction on contractors that already have established, high quality provider networks with reimbursement rates below the 50th percentile that are of sufficient size to meet the access requirements of the TRICARE Dental Program. The reimbursement rates that have been negotiated over the life of the dental contract represent the general market rates for dental insurance reimbursement, and the final rule brings DoD reimbursement rates into line with the broader insurance market. Elimination of the 50th percentile requirement affords the Government and enrollees significant cost savings through lower provider reimbursement costs by the contractor. Additionally, contractors have other methods available to ensure the TDP members receive high quality dental services. These quality assurance methods include, but are not limited to, licensing and credentialing standards, patient satisfaction assessments, and provider trend analyses.

##### **II. Review of Comments**

The proposed rule was published in the **Federal Register** on August 31, 2005

(70 FR 51692). We received no public comments.

### III. Regulatory Procedures

Executive Order 12866 directs agencies to assess costs and benefits of available regulatory alternatives and, when regulation is necessary, to select regulatory approaches that maximize net benefits (including potential economic, environmental, public health and safety, and other advantages; distributive impacts; and equity). Executive Order 12866 classifies a rule as significant if it meets any one of a number of specified conditions, including: Having an annual effect on the economy \$100 million or more, adversely affecting a sector of the economy in a material way, adversely affecting competition, or adversely affecting jobs. A regulation is also considered a significant action if it raises novel legal or policy issues.

DoD concludes that this final rule is a significant regulatory action under the Executive Order since it raises novel policy issues under section 3(f)(4). DoD concludes, however, that this final rule does not meet the significance threshold of \$100 million effect on the economy in any one year under section 3(f)(1).

The Congressional Review Act establishes certain procedures for major rules, defined as those with similar major impacts. The Regulatory Flexibility Act (RFA) requires that each Federal agency prepare, and make available for public comment, a regulatory flexibility analysis when the agency issues a regulation that would have significant impact on a substantial number of small entities.

This is a not a major rule under 5 U.S.C. 801. It is a significant regulatory action but not economically significant. This rule has been designated as significant and has been reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget as required under the provisions of E.O. 12866.

#### *Paperwork Reduction Act*

This final rule contains a new information collection requirement that has been submitted to and approved by the Office of Management and Budget. This information collection has been assigned OMB Control #0720-0035.

#### List of Subjects in 32 CFR Part 199

Claims, Dental health, Health care, Health insurance, Individuals with disabilities, Military personnel.

■ For the reasons set out in the preamble, 32 CFR part 199 is amended as follows.

### PART 199—[AMENDED]

■ 1. The authority citation for part 199 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 5 U.S.C. 301; 10 U.S.C. chapter 55.

■ 2. Section 199.13(g)(2)(ii) is revised to read as follows:

#### § 199.13 TRICARE Dental Program.

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(ii) Participating providers shall be reimbursed in accordance with the contractor's network agreements, less any cost-share amount due for authorized services.

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Dated: January 5, 2006.

**L.M. Bynum,**

*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.*

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### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

#### 40 CFR Part 52

[EPA-R03-OAR-2005-WV-0002; FRL-8020-4]

#### Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; West Virginia; Emission Reductions to Meet Phase II of the Nitrogen Oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>) SIP Call

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** EPA is granting conditional approval of a State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision submitted by the State of West Virginia. This revision establishes and requires NO<sub>x</sub> emission reductions from large, stationary internal combustion engines in the State to meet Phase II of the NO<sub>x</sub> SIP Call. Because the revision was adopted by West Virginia under its emergency rules provisions and has a sunset date, this approval is conditioned on West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection (WVDEP) adopting a permanent rule with an effective date prior to the sunset date of the emergency rule, and submitting the permanent rule as a SIP revision to EPA by July 1, 2006. WVDEP is in the process of adopting its permanent version of the rule and has submitted a written commitment to EPA stating it will meet all of these conditions. The intended effect of this action is to grant

conditional approval of West Virginia's rule to meet its remaining emission reduction obligations under the NO<sub>x</sub> SIP Call.

**DATES:** This final rule is effective on February 10, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** EPA has established a docket for this action under Docket ID Number EPA-R03-OAR-2005-WV-0002. All documents in the docket are listed in the <http://www.regulations.gov> Web site. Although listed in the electronic docket, some information is not publicly available, i.e., confidential business information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Certain other material, such as copyrighted material, is not placed on the Internet and will be publicly available only in hard copy form. Publicly available docket materials are available either electronically through <http://www.regulations.gov> or in hard copy for public inspection during normal business hours at the Air Protection Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103. Copies of the State submittal are available at the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Air Quality, 7012 MacCorkle Avenue, SE., Charleston, West Virginia 25304-2943.

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#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **I. Background**

On October 20, 2005 (70 FR 61104), EPA published a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPR) for the State of West Virginia. The NPR proposed to grant conditional approval of revisions to West Virginia emergency rule 45CSR1 titled Control and Reduction of Nitrogen Oxides from Non-Electric Generating Units as a Means to Mitigate Transport of Ozone Precursors. The formal SIP revision was submitted by WVDEP on March 31, 2005 (inadvertently noted in the NPR as being submitted on March 30, 2005).

##### **II. Summary of SIP Revision**

West Virginia's March 31, 2005 SIP submittal requires large, stationary internal combustion engines in the State to reduce NO<sub>x</sub> emissions by a total of 903 tons for the 2007 ozone season and beyond, beginning on May 1, 2007. Sources in West Virginia that are subject to the new requirements must submit a compliance plan to WVDEP by May 1, 2006.