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SUBJECT: Healthcare for Uniformed Services Members and Beneficiaries

- References:
- (a) DoD Directive 6010.4, "Dependents' Medical Care," April 25, 1962(hereby canceled)
 - (b) Chapter 55 and sections *1073 and 1074(c)* of title 10, United States Code
 - (c) ~~Title 32, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 199, "Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services (CHAMPUS)," current Edition Sections 721-727 of Public Law 104-201, "The National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1997," September 23, 1996~~
 - (d) ~~DoD Instruction 1000.13, "Identification (ID) Cards for Members of the Uniformed Services, Their Dependents, and Other Eligible Individuals," December 5, 1997 Part 199 of title 32, Code of Federal Regulations," current edition~~
 - (e) through (h), see Enclosure 1

1. REISSUANCE AND PURPOSE

This Directive reissues Reference (a) to update policy for administering Reference (b) and serves as the joint document for administration of healthcare benefits required under Reference (b) issued by the Departments of Defense, Homeland Security, and Health and Human Services.

2. APPLICABILITY

2.1. This Directive applies to the Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Military Departments (including the Coast Guard when it is not operating as a Service in the Navy, under agreement with the Department of Homeland Security), the *Office of the* Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff *and the Joint Staff*, the Combatant Commands, the Office of the Inspector General of the Department of Defense, the Defense Agencies, the DoD Field Activities, and all other organizational entities within the Department of Defense (hereafter referred to collectively as the "DoD Components").

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2.2. This Directive also applies, by agreement with the Secretary of Health and Human Services, to the Commissioned Corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the Commissioned Corps of the Public Health Service.

3. DEFINITIONS

3.1. Administering Secretaries. The Secretaries of the executive departments responsible for administration of health care benefits for members, retirees, and dependents of the uniformed services. These are the Secretaries of Defense, Homeland Security, and Health and Human Services, or their designees (*section 1073 of Reference (b) and sections 721-727 of Public Law 104.201 (Reference (c))*).

3.2. Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services (CHAMPUS). The civilian sector health care program operated under the authority of References (b) and *part 199 of title 32, Code of Federal Regulations (Reference ~~(e)~~ (d))*.

3.3. TRICARE. The medical and dental programs operating pursuant to Reference (b), under which medical and dental services are provided to eligible health care beneficiaries.

3.4. Health care beneficiaries. Members of the uniformed services and other individuals as and to the extent provided in Reference (b).

3.5. Uniformed Services. Includes the Armed Forces, the Commissioned Corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and the Commissioned Corps of the Public Health Service.

3.6. Armed Forces. The Army, the Navy, the Air Force, the Marine Corps, and the Coast Guard.

4. POLICY

It is DoD policy that:

4.1. The Uniformed Services shall operate medical and dental treatment facilities in accordance with applicable law, regulation, and policy.

4.2. The CHAMPUS/TRICARE health care entitlement shall be provided consistent with the provisions of Reference ~~(e)~~ (d).

4.3. Determinations of eligibility shall be made by the Uniformed Services, and recorded in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System in accordance with DoD Instruction 1000.13 (Reference ~~(d)~~ (e)).

4.4. Health care beneficiaries shall be provided access to military treatment facilities consistent with Reference (b) and other applicable law and regulation.

4.4.1. Priorities for access to health care shall be in accordance with the provisions of ~~32 CFR section 199.17(d)~~ Reference ~~(e)~~ (d).

4.4.2. Access to health care services in medical treatment facilities is subject to the availability of facilities and equipment and the capabilities of the staff.

4.5. The Department of Defense shall enter into mutually beneficial healthcare resource sharing arrangements with the Department of Veterans Affairs in accordance with ~~U.S.C. sections 320, 8011, and 8011A of title 38, United States Code~~ (Reference ~~(e)~~ (f)).

4.6. The Department of Defense shall administer the designated provider program involving the designated former Public Health Service hospitals in accordance with ~~sections 721-727 of Public Law 104-201~~ Reference ~~(f)~~ (c).

5. RESPONSIBILITIES

5.1. The Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs (ASD(HA)), under the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness) (USD(P&R)), shall:

5.1.1. Execute the DoD medical mission, exercising authority, direction, and control over the medical personnel, facilities, programs, funding, and other DoD health resources in accordance with DoD Directive 5136.01 (Reference (g)).

5.1.2. Approve submission of Reference ~~(e)~~ (d) and amendments thereto, in consultation with the Administering Secretaries.

5.1.3. Issue DoD Instructions or other guidance to implement this Directive.

5.1.4. ~~Exercise the authority of the Secretary of Defense under 10 U.S.C. 1074(c) (Reference (b)) to designate by regulation individuals as eligible for healthcare services in medical treatment facilities of the Department of Defense when such designation advances an important DoD interest. This may not be re-delegated. Support the exercise by the USD(P&R) of the authority of the Secretary of Defense pursuant to section 1074(c) of Reference (b) to designate by regulation individuals as eligible for healthcare services in medical treatment facilities of the Department of Defense when such designation advances an important DoD interest.~~

5.1.5. In accordance with DoD Directive 5136.12 (Reference (h)), ensure the Director, TRICARE Management Activity, shall:

5.1.5.1. Manage the implementation of policy issued by the ASD(HA) for DoD medical and dental programs.

5.1.5.2. Serve as the program manager for TRICARE health and medical resources, supervising and administering TRICARE programs, funding, and other resources within the Department of Defense.

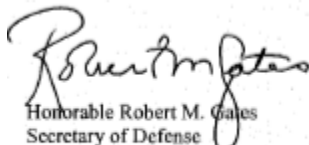
5.1.5.3. Oversee the CHAMPUS/TRICARE Program under Reference (b), for the delivery of and payment for health care services from civilian sources for eligible health care beneficiaries.

5.2. The Secretaries of the Military Departments shall operate military treatment facilities of the Department of Defense and make eligibility determinations.

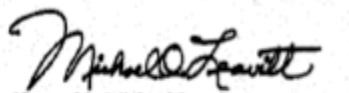
6. *RELEASABILITY. UNLIMITED. This Directive is approved for public release. Copies may be obtained on the Internet from the DoD Issuances Web Site at <http://www.dtic.mil/whs/directives>.*

67. EFFECTIVE DATE


This Directive is effective immediately.



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U.S. Department of Homeland Security

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E1. References, continued

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- (e) ~~Sections 320, 8011, and 8011A of title 38, United States Code~~ *DoD Instruction 1000.13, "Identification (ID) Cards for Members of the Uniformed Services, Their Dependents, and Other Eligible Individuals," December 5, 1997*
- (f) ~~Sections 721-727 of Public Law 104-201, "The National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1997," September 23, 1996~~ *Sections 320, 8011, and 8011A of title 38, United States Code*
- (g) DoD Directive 5136.01, "Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs (ASD(HA))," ~~May 27, 1994~~ *June 4, 2008*
- (h) DoD Directive 5136.12, "TRICARE Management Activity (TMA)," May 31, 2001