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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE ARMY (M&RA)
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SUBJECT TRICARE Mail Order Pharmacy Program

References (a) 10 U S C § 1074g, Pharmacy Benefits Program
(b) 32 C F R Section 199 21
(c) HA Policy 04-032, TRICARE Pharmacy Benefit Program Formulary Management

This memorandum provides policy guidance with respect to the TRICARE Mail Order Pharmacy (TMOP) program

Military Health System (MHS) physicians, nurses, support personnel, pharmacists, and leaders need to encourage beneficiaries to obtain their health care services, supplies, and pharmaceuticals in the venues which provide the best value for both them and the MHS. With respect to prescription medications, we must make every effort to maximize use of the TMOP, which is a nationally available, low-cost dispensing venue for our beneficiaries.

No later than 45 days from the date of this policy, the Surgeons General will develop a plan that directs beneficiaries to use TMOP as a matter of routine practice to obtain refills. Plans should include methods to improve TMOP enrollment, TMOP education for medical staffs and health benefits advisors, methods to allow for exceptions to the use of TMOP for refills as a matter of routine practice, and leveraging installation public affairs resources to ensure beneficiaries are well informed.

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