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**MEMORANDUM FOR:           SURGEON GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
                                  SURGEON GENERAL OF THE NAVY  
                                  SURGEON GENERAL OF THE AIR FORCE**

**SUBJECT:** Policy for Supplemental Care Payments for CCEP Participants

The purpose of this memo is to clarify supplemental care payments for Comprehensive Clinical Evaluation Program (CCEP) participants who are referred outside the MTF for consultations related to the CCEP workup. The CCEP provider will arrange for civilian consultations in the TRICARE network if the needed care is not available in the military treatment facility. The managed care support contractor will then adjudicate the claim in the same fashion as applied to other TRICARE enrollees, except that a copayment will not be applied.

Supplemental care payments are authorized for all CCEP participants since the MTF maintains full clinical responsibility for the participant until completion of the evaluation.

My point of contact in this matter is Major Sheila M. Kinty, who may be reached at (703) 681-7153 ext. 4726.

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