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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE ARMY (M&RA)
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE NAVY (M&RA)
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE (SAF/MR)
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD, DIRECTOR, RESERVE
AND TRAINING (G-WT)

SUBJECT: Policy Clarification for Enrollment of Reserve Component Members and their Eligible Family Members under Section 703 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2004

Reference: Health Affairs Policy 04-013

This policy clarification is to provide further guidance on Health Affairs Policy Memorandum 04-013, "Policy for Enrollment of Reserve Component (RC) Members and their Eligible Family Members under Section 703 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2004." This memorandum cancels and supersedes my previous clarification dated April 11, 2005.

Effective immediately, all RC members reporting for active duty overseas for more than 30 days (as reflected on orders) are permitted to enroll into the appropriate overseas TRICARE program. The TRICARE Prime options available overseas include TRICARE Overseas Program Prime, TRICARE Global Remote Overseas, and TRICARE Puerto Rico Prime. Appropriate TRICARE enrollment options are dependent upon duty assignment location. Dental care for RC members will be provided via the same mechanisms afforded active duty Service members.

RC members on duty in combatant theaters of operation with existing or imbedded organic medical treatment and support capabilities for healthcare are excluded from this enrollment guidance.

My point of contact on this matter is Ms. Cheryl Kaminska, RN, MSN, TRICARE Overseas Program Director, who may be reached at telephone (703) 681-0039.

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