

RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:

Automated and paper records are retained within the DoD Hotline Program office for a period of five years following completion of final action. Thereafter, physical files are stored with the Federal Records Center, and automated data are archived within the DoD Hotline automated system for statistical purposes. Physical files and automated data are destroyed 15 years after the physical files are retired to the Federal Records Center.

RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:

Hotline case files not referred are destroyed after 2 years.

Electronic copies created on electronic mail and word processing systems are deleted after a record keeping copy has been produced.

Automated and paper records are retained within the Office of the Defense Hotline Division for a period of 5 years after closure. The records are then retired to the Washington National Records Center for an additional 5 years, and then destroyed.

SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESS:

Director, DoD Hotline Division, Office of the Assistant Inspector General for Inspections and Policy of the Office of the Inspector General of the Department of Defense, 400 Army Navy Drive, Arlington, VA 22202-4704.

NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE:

Individuals seeking to determine whether this system of records contains information about themselves should address written inquiries to the Chief, Freedom of Information Act/Privacy Act Office, 400 Army Navy Drive, Arlington, VA 22202-4704.

The request should contain the individual's full name, address, and Social Security Number. Requests submitted on behalf of other persons must include their written authorization. Provision of the Social Security Number is voluntary and it will be used solely for identification purposes. Failure to provide the Social Security Number will not affect the individual's rights.

RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:

Individuals seeking access to records about themselves contained in this system should address written inquiries to the Chief, Freedom of Information Act/Privacy Act Office, 400 Army Navy Drive, Arlington, VA 22202-4704.

The request should contain the individual's full name, address, and Social Security Number. Requests submitted on behalf of other persons must include their written

authorization. Provision of the Social Security Number is voluntary and it will be used solely for identification purposes. Failure to provide the Social Security Number will not affect the individual's rights.

CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:

The OIG's rules for accessing records and for contesting contents and appealing initial agency determinations are published in 32 CFR part 312 or may be obtained from the system manager.

RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:

Sources, subjects, witnesses, all levels of Government, private businesses, and nonprofit organizations.

EXEMPTIONS CLAIMED FOR THE SYSTEM:

Investigatory material compiled for law enforcement purposes, other than material within the scope of subsection 5 U.S.C. 552a(j)(2), may be exempt pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(k)(2). However, if an individual is denied any right, privilege, or benefit for which he would otherwise be entitled by Federal law or for which he would otherwise be eligible, as a result of the maintenance of the information, the individual will be provided access to the information exempt to the extent that disclosure would reveal the identity of a confidential source.

Note: When claimed, this exemption allows limited protection of investigative reports maintained in a system of records used in personnel or administrative actions.

Investigatory material compiled solely for the purpose of determining suitability, eligibility, or qualifications for federal civilian employment, military service, federal contracts, or access to classified information may be exempt pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(k)(5), but only to the extent that such material would reveal the identity of a confidential source.

An exemption rule for this record system has been promulgated in accordance with the requirements of 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(1), (2), and (3), (c) and (e) and published in 32 CFR part 312. For additional information contact the system manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Office of the Secretary****Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records**

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, DoD.

ACTION: Notice to amend and delete systems of records.

SUMMARY: The Office of the Secretary is amending 4 systems of records notices in its inventory of records systems subject to the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended (5 U.S.C. 552a), and deleting one.

The amendments are required to alert the users of these systems of records of the additional requirements of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) of 1996, as implemented by DoD 6025.18-R, DoD Health Information Privacy Regulation. Language being added under the 'Routine Use' category is as follows:

Note: This system of records contains individually identifiable health information. The DoD Health Information Privacy Regulation (DoD 6025.18-R) issued pursuant to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, applies to most such health information. DoD 6025.18-R may place additional procedural requirements on the uses and disclosures of such information beyond those found in the Privacy Act of 1974 or mentioned in this system of records notice.

DATES: The changes will be effective on (insert date thirty days after publication in the **Federal Register**) unless comments are received that would result in a contrary determination.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to OSD Privacy Act Coordinator, Records Management Section, Washington Headquarters Services, 1155 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-1155.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Dan Cragg at (703) 601-4722.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office of the Secretary of Defense notices for systems of records subject to the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended, have been published in the **Federal Register** and are available from the address above.

The specific amendments to the records systems being amended are set forth below followed by the notices, as amended, published in their entirety. The proposed amendments are not within the purview of subsection (r) of the Privacy Act of 1974, (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended, which requires the submission of a new or altered system report.

Dated: May 2, 2003.

Patricia L. Toppings,

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

Deletion

DTMA 05

SYSTEM NAME:

Grievance Records (May 15, 2000, 65 FR 30966).

REASON:

These records are now being maintained under the system of records notice DWHS P37, Grievance and Unfair Labor Practices Records.

Amendments

DTMA 01

SYSTEM NAME:

Health Benefits Authorization Files (May 15, 2000, 65 FR 30966).

CHANGES:

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ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND THE PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:

Add to end of entry 'NOTE: This system of records contains individually identifiable health information. The DoD Health Information Privacy Regulation (DoD 6025.18-R) issued pursuant to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, applies to most such health information. DoD 6025.18-R may place additional procedural requirements on the uses and disclosures of such information beyond those found in the Privacy Act of 1974 or mentioned in this system of records notice.'

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DTMA 01

SYSTEM NAME:

Health Benefits Authorization Files.

SYSTEM LOCATION:

TRICARE Management Activity, Department of Defense, 16401 East Centretch Parkway, Aurora, CO 80011-9066, and contractors under contract to TRICARE. A listing of TRICARE contractors maintaining these records is available from the system manager.

CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:

All individuals who seek authorization or pre-authorization for medical and dental health care under TRICARE/CHAMPUS and CHAMPVA.

CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

Original correspondence to and from individuals; medical/dental statements;

medical/dental histories; Health Care Advise Nurse records; Congressional inquiries; medical/dental treatment records; authorization and pre-authorization requests for care; case status sheets; memoranda for the record; follow-up reports justifying extended care; correspondence with contractors; and work-up sheets maintained by case workers.

AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:

41 CFR part 101-11.000; chapter 55, 10 U.S.C. 613, chapter 17, 38 U.S.C.; 32 CFR part 199; and E.O. 9397 (SSN).

PURPOSE(S):

To maintain and control records pertaining to requests for authorization or pre-authorization of health and dental care under TRICARE/CHAMPUS.

To determine eligibility of an individual, authorize payment, control and review health care management plans, health care demonstration programs, control accomplishment of reviews, and coordinate subject matter clearance for internal and external audits and reviews of the program.

ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:

In addition to those disclosures generally permitted under 5 U.S.C. 552a(b) of the Privacy Act, these records or information contained therein may specifically be disclosed outside the DoD as a routine use pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(b)(3) as follows:

To the Department of Health and Human Services and/or the Department of Veterans Affairs consistent with their statutory administrative responsibilities under TRICARE/CHAMPUS and CHAMPVA pursuant to chapter 55, 10 U.S.C. and section 613, chapter 17, 38 U.S.C.

Referral to Federal, state, local, or foreign governmental agencies, and to private business entities, including individual providers of care (participating and non-participating), on matters relating to eligibility, claims pricing and payment, fraud, program abuse, utilization review, quality assurance, peer review, program integrity, third-party liability, coordination of benefits, and civil or criminal litigation related to the operation of TRICARE/CHAMPUS.

Disclosure to the Department of Justice and the United States Attorneys in situations where the United States is an interested party.

Disclosure to third-party contacts in situations where the party to be contacted has, or is expected to have, information necessary to establish the

validity of evidence or to verify the accuracy of information presented by the individual concerning his or her entitlement, the amount of benefit payments, any review of suspected abuse or fraud, or any concern for program integrity or quality appraisal.

The DoD 'Blanket Routine Uses' set forth at the beginning of OSD's compilation of systems of records notices apply to this system.

Note: This system of records contains individually identifiable health information. The DoD Health Information Privacy Regulation (DoD 6025.18-R) issued pursuant to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, applies to most such health information. DoD 6025.18-R may place additional procedural requirements on the uses and disclosures of such information beyond those found in the Privacy Act of 1974 or mentioned in this system of records notice.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORING, RETRIEVING, ACCESSING, RETAINING, AND DISPOSING OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

STORAGE:

Records are maintained on paper, electronic, microfilm, imaging, or optical formats.

RETRIEVABILITY:

Information is retrieved by sponsor's Social Security Number and sponsor's or beneficiary's name.

SAFEGUARDS:

Records are maintained in areas accessible only to authorized personnel who are properly screened, cleared, and trained. Decentralized automated segments within contractor's operations are accessible on-line only to authorized persons possessing user identification codes. Security systems and/or security guards protect buildings where records are maintained.

RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:

Automated indexes are maintained for six years. Hard copy records are closed out at the end of the calendar year in which finalized and held six additional years. Where hard copy records have been converted to electronic, microfilm, imaging, or optical formats, the hard copy is destroyed and the electronic, microfilm, imaging, or optical format is kept by the contractor for six years after claim is processed to completion.

SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESS:

TRICARE Management Activity, Department of Defense, Administration and Evaluation Directorate, 16401 East Centretch Parkway, Aurora, CO 80011-9066.

NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE:

Individuals seeking to determine whether information about themselves is contained in this system should address written inquiries to the TRICARE Management Activity, Department of Defense, ATTN: Privacy Act Officer, 16401 Centretex Parkway, Aurora, CO 80011-9066.

RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:

Individuals seeking access to information about themselves contained in this system should address written inquiries to the TRICARE Management Activity, Department of Defense, ATTN: Privacy Act Officer, 16401 Centretex Parkway, Aurora, CO 80011-9066.

Written requests for information should include the full name of the beneficiary, the full name of the sponsor and sponsor's Social Security Number, current address and telephone number.

For personal visits to examine records, the individual should provide some acceptable identification such as a driver's license or other form of picture identification.

If it is determined that the release of medical information to the requester could have an adverse effect upon the individual's physical or mental health, the requester should be prepared to provide the name and address of a physician who would be willing to receive the medical record, and at the physician's discretion, inform the individual covered by the system of the contents of that record. In the event the physician does not agree to convey the information contained within the record to the individual, TRICARE Management Activity will take positive measures to ensure the individual is provided the requested information.

CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:

The OSD rules for accessing records, for contesting contents and appealing initial agency determinations are published in OSD Administrative Instruction 81; 32 CFR part 311; or may be obtained from the system manager.

RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:

Contractors, Health Benefits Advisors, all branches of the Uniformed Services, congressional offices, providers of care, consultants and individuals.

EXEMPTIONS CLAIMED FOR THE SYSTEM:

None.

DTMA 02**SYSTEM NAME:**

Medical/Dental Care and Claims Inquiry Files (May 15, 2000, 65 FR 30966).

CHANGES:

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ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND THE PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:

Add to end of entry 'NOTE: This system of records contains individually identifiable health information. The DoD Health Information Privacy Regulation (DoD 6025.18-R) issued pursuant to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, applies to most such health information. DoD 6025.18-R may place additional procedural requirements on the uses and disclosures of such information beyond those found in the Privacy Act of 1974 or mentioned in this system of records notice.'

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DTMA 02**SYSTEM NAME:**

Medical/Dental Care and Claims Inquiry Files.

SYSTEM LOCATION:

TRICARE Management Activity, Department of Defense, 16401 East Centretex Parkway, Aurora, CO 80011-9066, and contractors under contract to TRICARE. A listing of TRICARE contractors maintaining these records is available from the system manager.

CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:

All individuals who seek information concerning health care (medical and dental) under TRICARE/CHAMPUS and CHAMPVA.

CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

Documents reflecting inquiries received from private individuals for information on TRICARE/CHAMPUS and CHAMPVA and replies thereto; congressional inquiries on behalf of constituents and replies thereto; and files notifying personnel of eligibility or termination of benefits.

AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:

41 CFR 101-11.000; chapter 55, 10 U.S.C.; section 613, chapter 17, 38 U.S.C.; and E.O. 9397 (SSN).

PURPOSE(S):

To maintain and control records pertaining to requests for information concerning an individual's TRICARE/CHAMPUS eligibility status, the benefits provided under programs of TRICARE/CHAMPUS and CHAMPVA and the processing of individual TRICARE/CHAMPUS and CHAMPVA claims.

ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND THE PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:

In addition to those disclosures generally permitted under 5 U.S.C. 552a(b) of the Privacy Act, these records or information contained therein may specifically be disclosed outside the DoD as a routine use pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(b)(3) as follows:

To the Department of Health and Human Services and/or the Department of Veterans Affairs consistent with their statutory administrative responsibilities under TRICARE/CHAMPUS and CHAMPVA pursuant to chapter 55, 10 U.S.C. and section 613, chapter 17, 38 U.S.C.

Referral to Federal, state, local, or foreign governmental agencies, and to private business entities, including individual providers of care (participating and non-participating), on matters relating to eligibility, claims pricing and payment, fraud, program abuse, utilization review, quality assurance, peer review, program integrity, third-party liability, coordination of benefits, and civil or criminal litigation related to the operation of TRICARE/CHAMPUS.

Disclosure to the Department of Justice and the United States Attorneys in situations where the United States is an interested party.

Disclosure to third-party contacts in situations where the party to be contacted has, or is expected to have, information necessary to establish the validity of evidence or to verify the accuracy of information presented by the individual concerning his or her entitlement, the amount of benefit payments, any review of suspected abuse or fraud, or any concern for program integrity or quality appraisal.

The DoD 'Blanket Routine Uses' set forth at the beginning of OSD's compilation of systems of records notices apply to this system.

Note: This system of records contains individually identifiable health information. The DoD Health Information Privacy Regulation (DoD 6025.18-R) issued pursuant to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, applies to most such health information. DoD 6025.18-R may place additional procedural requirements on the uses and disclosures of such information beyond those found in the Privacy Act of 1974 or mentioned in this system of records notice.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORING, RETRIEVING, ACCESSING, RETAINING, AND DISPOSING OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

STORAGE:

Records are maintained on paper, electronic, microfilm, imaging, or optical formats.

RETRIEVABILITY:

Information is retrieved by case number, sponsor name and/or Social Security Number, and inquirer name.

SAFEGUARDS:

Records are maintained in areas accessible only to authorized personnel who are properly screened, cleared, and trained. Automated segments are accessible only by authorized persons possessing user identification codes. Security systems and/or security guards protect buildings where records are maintained.

RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:

Paper records are retained in active file until end of calendar year in which closed, held two additional years, and then destroyed. Where hard copy records have been converted to electronic, microfilm, imaging or optical formats, the hard copy record is destroyed and the electronic, microfilm, imaging, or optical format is kept by the contractor for six years after claim is processed to completion.

SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESS:

TRICARE Management Activity, Department of Defense, Administration and Evaluation Directorate, 16401 East Centretrech Parkway, Aurora, CO 80011-9066.

NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE:

Individuals seeking to determine whether information about themselves is contained in this system should address written inquiries to the TRICARE Management Activity, Department of Defense, ATTN: Privacy Act Officer, 16401 Centretrech Parkway, Aurora, CO 80011-9066.

RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:

Individuals seeking access to information about themselves contained in this system should address written inquiries to the TRICARE Management Activity, Department of Defense, ATTN: Privacy Act Officer, 16401 Centretrech Parkway, Aurora, CO 80011-9066.

Written request for information should include the full name of the beneficiary, the full name of the sponsor and sponsor's Social Security Number, current address and telephone number.

For personal visits to examine records, the individual should provide some acceptable identification such as a

driver's license or other form of picture identification.

If it is determined that the release of medical information to the requester could have an adverse effect upon the individual's physical or mental health, the requester should be prepared to provide the name and address of a physician who would be willing to receive the medical record, and at the physician's discretion, inform the individual covered by the system of the contents of that record. In the event the physician does not agree to convey the information contained within the record to the individual, TRICARE Management Activity will take positive measures to ensure the individual is provided the requested information.

CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:

The OSD rules for accessing records, for contesting contents and appealing initial agency determinations are published in OSD Administrative Instruction 81; 32 CFR part 311; or may be obtained from the system manager.

RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:

Contractors, congressional offices, Health Benefits Advisors, all branches of the Uniformed Service, congressional offices, providers of care, consultants and individuals.

EXEMPTIONS CLAIMED FOR THE SYSTEM:

None.

DTMA 03

SYSTEM NAME:

Legal Opinion Files (May 15, 2000, 65 FR 30966).

CHANGES:

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Routine uses of records maintained in the system, including categories of users and the purposes of such uses:

Add to end of entry 'NOTE: This system of records contains individually identifiable health information. The DoD Health Information Privacy Regulation (DoD 6025.18-R) issued pursuant to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, applies to most such health information. DoD 6025.18-R may place additional procedural requirements on the uses and disclosures of such information beyond those found in the Privacy Act of 1974 or mentioned in this system of records notice.'

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DTMA 03

SYSTEM NAME:

Legal Opinion Files.

SYSTEM LOCATION:

TRICARE Management Activity, Department of Defense, Office of General Counsel, 16401 East Centretrech Parkway, Aurora, CO 80011-9066.

CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:

Individuals who have contacted or corresponded with TRICARE Management Activity regarding any matter requiring legal clarification or resolution.

CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

Inquiries received from individuals, attorneys, fiscal administrators, hospital contractors, other government agencies, Health Care Advise Nurse records, and congressional offices. Files contain legal opinions, correspondence, memoranda for the record, and similar documents. Medical/dental treatment records, authorizations and pre-authorizations, care and claims inquiry documents, and medical/dental history files may be included in these records, as appropriated to document TRICARE legal determinations.

AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:

41 CFR 101-11.000; Chapter 55, 10 U.S.C. 613, Chapter 17, 38 U.S.C.; 32 CFR part 199; and E.O. 9397 (SSN).

PURPOSE(S):

TRICARE Management Activity uses these records to address and resolve legal issues and for research, precedent, historical, and record purposes.

ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND THE PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:

In addition to those disclosures generally permitted under 5 U.S.C. 552a(b) of the Privacy Act, these records or information contained therein may specifically be disclosed outside the DoD as a routine use pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(b)(3) as follows:

To the Department of Health and Human Services and/or the Department of Veterans Affairs consistent with their statutory administrative responsibilities under TRICARE/CHAMPUS and CHAMPVA pursuant to chapter 55, 10 U.S.C. and section 613, chapter 17, 38 U.S.C.

Referral to Federal, state, local, or foreign governmental agencies, and to private business entities, including individual providers of care (participating and non-participating), on matters relating to eligibility, claims pricing and payment, fraud, program abuse, utilization review, quality assurance, peer review, program integrity, third-party liability, coordination of benefits, and civil or

criminal litigation related to the operation of TRICARE/CHAMPUS.

Disclosure to the Department of Justice and the United States Attorneys in situations where the United States is an interested party.

Disclosure to third-party contacts in situations where the party to be contacted has, or is expected to have, information necessary to establish the validity of evidence or to verify the accuracy of information presented by the individual concerning his or her entitlement, the amount of benefit payments, any review of suspected abuse or fraud, or any concern for program integrity or quality appraisal.

The DoD 'Blanket Routine Uses' set forth at the beginning of OSD's compilation of systems of records notices apply to this system.

Note: This system of records contains individually identifiable health information. The DoD Health Information Privacy Regulation (DoD 6025.18-R) issued pursuant to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, applies to most such health information. DoD 6025.18-R may place additional procedural requirements on the uses and disclosures of such information beyond those found in the Privacy Act of 1974 or mentioned in this system of records notice.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORING, RETRIEVING, ACCESSING, RETAINING, AND DISPOSING OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

STORAGE:

Records are maintained on paper, electronic, microfilm, imaging, or optical formats.

RETRIEVABILITY:

Information is retrieved by subject matter with cross-reference by individual name and/or Social Security Number.

SAFEGUARDS:

Records are maintained in areas accessible only to authorized personnel who are properly screened, cleared, and trained. Security systems and/or security guards protect buildings where records are maintained.

RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:

Records are permanent. Paper records are retired to the Denver Regional Records Center when ten years old or when no longer needed for current business. Records are transferred to the NARA when thirty years old. Electronic and other non-paper media records are maintained until no longer needed for current business and are then deleted or destroyed.

SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESS:

TRICARE Management Activity, Department of Defense, Office of General Counsel, 16401 East Centretch Parkway, Aurora, CO 80011-9066.

NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE:

Individuals seeking to determine whether information about themselves is contained in this system should address written inquiries to the TRICARE Management Activity, Department of Defense, ATTN: Privacy Act Officer, 16401 Centretch Parkway, Aurora, CO 80011-9066.

RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:

Individuals seeking access to information about themselves contained in this system should address written inquiries to the TRICARE Management Activity, Department of Defense, ATTN: Privacy Act Officer, 16401 Centretch Parkway, Aurora, CO 80011-9066.

Written requests for information should include the full name of the beneficiary, the full name of the sponsor, and sponsor's Social Security Number, current address and telephone number.

For personal visits to examine records, the individual should be able to provide some acceptable identification such as a driver's license or other form of picture identification.

If it is determined that the release of medical information to the requester could have an adverse effect upon the individual's physical or mental health, the requester should be prepared to provide the name and address of a physician who would be willing to receive the medical record, and at the physician's discretion, inform the individual covered by the system of the contents of that record. In the event the physician does not agree to convey the information contained within the record to the individual, TRICARE Management Activity will take positive measures to ensure the individual is provided the requested information.

CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:

The OSD rules for accessing records, for contesting contents and appealing initial agency determinations are published in OSD Administrative Instruction 81; 32 CFR part 311; or may be obtained from the system manager.

RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:

Individuals (TRICARE/CHAMPUS and CHAMPVA beneficiaries, sponsors, or others), attorneys, fiscal administrators, hospital contractors, managed care support contractors, providers of care, medical records, other government agencies (Federal, state,

local and foreign), and Congressional offices.

EXEMPTIONS CLAIMED FOR THE SYSTEM:

None.

DTMA 04

SYSTEM NAME:

Medical/Dental Claim History Files (May 15, 2000, 65 FR 30966).

CHANGES:

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ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND THE PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:

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DTMA 04

SYSTEM NAME:

Medical/Dental Claim History Files.

SYSTEM LOCATION:

TRICARE Management Activity, Department of Defense, 16401 East Centretch Parkway, Aurora, CO 80011-9066, and contractors under contract to TRICARE. A listing of TRICARE contractors maintaining these records is available from the system manager.

CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:

Eligible beneficiaries and all individuals who seek health care (medical and dental) under TRICARE/CHAMPUS and CHAMPVA.

CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

File contains claims, billings for services, applications or approval forms, enrollment files, recoupment files, third-party liability files, fraud and abuse files, case management files, resource sharing files, utilization management/quality assurance files, payment files, medical/dental records, family history files, records of grievances with a medical/dental provider, appeals, hearings, or any other correspondence, memoranda, or reports which are acquired or utilized in the development and processing of TRICARE/CHAMPUS or CHAMPVA

claims. Records are also maintained on health care demonstration projects, including enrollment and authorization agreements, correspondence, memoranda, forms and reports, which are acquired or utilized during the projects.

AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:

41 CFR 101-11.000; chapter 55, 10 U.S.C. 613, chapter 17, 38 U.S.C.; 32 CFR part 199; and E.O. 9397 (SSN).

PURPOSE(S):

TRICARE Management Activity and its contractors, DoD staff (including Military Treatment Facilities, clinics and Lead Agent Staff) use the information to control and process health care benefits available under TRICARE/CHAMPUS and CHAMPVA including the processing of medical/dental claims, the control and approval of medical/dental treatments, issuance of deductible certificates, and necessary interface with providers of health care. The system also supports audits of contractor-processed claims to determine payment and occurrence accuracy of the contractor's adjudication process.

ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:

In addition to those disclosures generally permitted under 5 U.S.C. 552a(b) of the Privacy Act, these records or information contained therein may specifically be disclosed outside the DoD as a routine use pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(b)(3) as follows:

To the Department of Health and Human Services and/or the Department of Veterans Affairs consistent with their statutory administrative responsibilities under TRICARE/CHAMPUS and CHAMPVA pursuant to chapter 55, 10 U.S.C. and section 613, chapter 17, 38 U.S.C.

Referral to Federal, state, local, or foreign governmental agencies, and to private business entities, including individual providers of care (participating and non-participating), on matters relating to eligibility, claims pricing and payment, fraud, program abuse, utilization review, quality assurance, peer review, program integrity, third-party liability, coordination of benefits, and civil or criminal litigation related to the operation of TRICARE/CHAMPUS.

Disclosure to the Department of Justice and the United States Attorneys in situations where the United States is an interested party.

Disclosure to third-party contacts in situations where the party to be

contacted has, or is expected to have, information necessary to establish the validity of evidence or to verify the accuracy of information presented by the individual concerning his or her entitlement, the amount of benefit payments, any review of suspected abuse or fraud, or any concern for program integrity or quality appraisal.

The DoD 'Blanket Routine Uses' set forth at the beginning of OSD's compilation of systems of records notices apply to this system.

Note: This system of records contains individually identifiable health information. The DoD Health Information Privacy Regulation (DoD 6025.18-R) issued pursuant to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, applies to most such health information. DoD 6025.18-R may place additional procedural requirements on the uses and disclosures of such information beyond those found in the Privacy Act of 1974 or mentioned in this system of records notice.

DISCLOSURE TO CONSUMER REPORTING AGENCIES:

Disclosures pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(b)(12) may be made from this system to consumer reporting agencies as defined in the Fair Credit Reporting act of 1966 (15 U.S.C. 1681a(f)) or the Federal Claims Collections Act of 1966 (31 U.S.C. 3701(a)(3)). The purpose of the disclosure is to aid in the collection of outstanding debts owed to the Federal Government; typically, to provide an incentive for debtors to repay delinquent Federal Government debts by making these debts part of their credit records.

The disclosure is limited to information necessary to establish the identity of the individual, including name, address, and taxpayer identification number (Social Security Number); the amount, status, and history of the claim; and the agency or program under which the claim arose for the sole purpose of allowing the consumer reporting agency to prepare a commercial credit report.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORING, RETRIEVING, ACCESSING, RETAINING, AND DISPOSING OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

STORAGE:

Records are maintained on paper, electronic, microfilm, imaging, or optical formats.

RETRIEVABILITY:

Information is retrieved by sponsor's name; sponsor's Social Security Number; beneficiary's name; beneficiary's Social Security Number; provider's name; provider's number (Tax Identification Number or Social

Security Number); internal control number; classification of medical diagnosis; procedure code; geographical location of care provided; and selected utilization limits.

SAFEGUARDS:

Records are maintained in areas accessible only to authorized personnel who are properly screened, cleared and trained. Decentralized automated segments within contractor's operations are accessible on-line only to authorized persons possessing user identification codes. The automated portion of the Primary System is accessible only through TRICARE Management Activity on-line data systems. Security systems and/or security guards protect buildings where records are maintained.

RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:

Paper records are closed out at the end of the calendar year in which finalized and held six additional years and then destroyed. Where hard copy records (except Claims History Files) have been converted to electronic, microfilm, imaging, or optical formats, the hard copy record is destroyed and the electronic, microfilm, imaging, or optical format is kept by the contractor for six years after claim is processed to completion and then destroyed. Claims History Files maintained in electronic format are kept for ten years and are then destroyed or deleted.

SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESS:

TRICARE Management Activity, Department of Defense, Administration and Evaluation Directorate, 16401 East Centretech Parkway, Aurora, CO 80011-9066.

NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE:

Individuals seeking to determine whether information about themselves is contained in this system should address written inquiries to the TRICARE Management Activity, Department of Defense, ATTN: Privacy Act Officer, 16401 Centretech Parkway, Aurora, CO 80011-9066.

RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:

Individuals seeking access to information about themselves contained in this system should address written inquiries to the TRICARE Management Activity, Department of Defense, ATTN: Privacy Act Officer, 16401 Centretech Parkway, Aurora, CO 80011-9066.

Written request for information should include the full name of the beneficiary, the full name of the sponsor and sponsor's Social Security Number, current address and telephone number.

For personal visits to examine records, the individual should provide

some acceptable identification such as a driver's license or other form of picture identification. If it is determined that the release of medical information to the requester could have an adverse effect upon the individual's physical or mental health, the requester should be prepared to provide the name and address of a physician who would be willing to receive the medical record, and at the physician's discretion, inform the individual covered by the system of the contents of that record. In the event the physician does not agree to convey the information contained within the record to the individual, TRICARE Management Activity will take positive measures to ensure the individual is provided the requested information.

CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:

The OSD rules for accessing records, for contesting contents and appealing initial agency determinations are published in OSD Administrative Instruction 81; 32 CFR part 311; or may be obtained from the system manager.

RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:

Contractors, Health Benefit Advisors; other Components of the Department of Defense; all branches of the Uniformed Services; Congressional offices; providers of care; consultants; and individuals.

EXEMPTIONS CLAIMED FOR THE SYSTEM:

None.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Air Force

Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records

AGENCY: Department of the Air Force, DoD.

ACTION: Notice to Amend Systems of Records.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Air Force is amending five systems of records notices in its existing inventory of record systems subject to the Privacy Act of 1974, (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended.

DATES: This proposed action will be effective without further notice on June 9, 2003 unless comments are received which result in a contrary determination.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to the Air Force Privacy Act Manager, Office of the Chief Information Officer, AF-CIO/P, 1155 Air Force Pentagon, Washington, DC 20330-1155.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mrs. Anne Rollins at (703) 601-4043.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of the Air Force systems of records notices subject to the Privacy Act of 1974, (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended, have been published in the **Federal Register** and are available from the address above.

The specific changes to the records systems being amended are set forth below followed by the notices, as amended, published in their entirety. The proposed amendments are not within the purview of subsection (r) of the Privacy Act of 1974, (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended, which requires the submission of a new or altered system report.

Dated: April 30, 2003.

Patricia L. Toppings,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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SYSTEM NAME:

Automated Orders Data System (June 11, 1997, 62 FR 31793).

CHANGES:

SYSTEM IDENTIFIER:

Replace entry with 'F033 AF D'.

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CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:

Delete 'who perform annual, school, special, and Military Personnel Appropriation (MPA) tours' and add 'and other individuals that travel on Air Force travel orders'.

CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

Replace entry with 'Records relating to official travel of individuals, including travel orders, per diem vouchers, transportation requests, travel itinerary, and supporting documentation. Records contain individual's name, Social Security Number, rank/grade, office name, telephone, and related information.'

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PURPOSE(S):

Replace entry with 'To maintain an official travel record authorization and payment file system. Provides management information for control of travel expenditures and supports documentation requirements for official travel.'

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SYSTEM NAME:

Automated Orders Data System.

SYSTEM LOCATION:

Any location where temporary orders are published at all levels down to and including squadrons. Official mailing addresses are published as an appendix to the Air Force compilation of systems of records notices.

CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:

All Air Force civilian employees and military members who perform temporary duty travel, including all Air Force reserve personnel and other individuals that travel on Air Force travel orders.

CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

Records relating to official travel of individuals, including travel orders, per diem vouchers, transportation requests, travel itinerary, and supporting documentation. Records contain individual's name, Social Security Number, rank/grade, office name, telephone, and related information.

AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:

10 U.S.C. 8013, Secretary of the Air Force; Joint Federal Travel Regulation; Air Force Instruction 33-328, Administrative Orders; Air Force Instruction 65-103, Temporary Duty Orders; and E.O. 9397 (SSN).

PURPOSE(S):

To maintain an official travel record authorization and payment file system. Provides management information for control of travel expenditures and supports documentation requirements for official travel.

ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND THE PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:

In addition to those disclosures generally permitted under 5 U.S.C. 552a(b) of the Privacy Act, these records or information contained therein may specifically be disclosed outside the DoD as a routine use pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(b)(3) as follows:

The DoD 'Blanket Routine Uses' published at the beginning of the Air Force's compilation of systems of records notices apply to this system.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORING, RETRIEVING, ACCESSING, RETAINING, AND DISPOSING OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

STORAGE:

Maintained on computer.

RETRIEVABILITY:

Retrieved by name and Social Security Number.

SAFEGUARDS:

Records are accessed by person(s) responsible for servicing the record