

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 provide 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 ODS'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 mentioned 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 MANGER(S) AND ADDRESS:

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

NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES:

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; or TRICARE Management Activity Privacy Office, Skyline 5, Suite 810, 5111 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041-3201.

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; or TRICARE Management Activity Privacy Office, Skyline 5, Suite 810, 5111 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041-3201.

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.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Office of the Secretary**

[DoD-2006-OS-0050]

Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, DoD.

ACTION: Notice to amend systems of records.

SUMMARY: The Office of the Secretary of Defense is amending a system of records notice 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 April

28, 2006 unless comments are received which result in a contrary determination.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Juanita Irvin at (703) 696-4940.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office of the Secretary of Defense 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 record system being amended are set forth below followed by the notice, as amended, published in its 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: March 23, 2006.

L.M. Bynum,
OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer,
Department of Defense.

DTMA 01

SYSTEM NAME:

Health Benefits Authorization Files
(May 9, 2003, 68 FR 24938).

CHANGES:

NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE:

Add the following to the end of the entry: "or TRICARE Management Activity Privacy Office, Skyline 5, Suite 810, 5111 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041-3201."

RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:

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DTMA 01

SYSTEM NAME:

Health Benefits Authorization Files.

SYSTEM LOCATION:

TRICARE Management Activity, Department of Defense, 16401 East Centretech 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:

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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.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[DoD-2006-OS-0049]

Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, DoD.

ACTION: Notice to amend systems of records.

SUMMARY: The Office of the Secretary of Defense is amending a system of records notice 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 April 28, 2006 unless comments are received which result in a contrary determination.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Juanita Irvin at (703) 696-4940.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office of the Secretary of Defense 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 record system being amended are set forth below followed by the notice, as amended, published in its 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: March 23, 2006.

L.M. Bynum,
OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer,
Department of Defense.

DTMA 02

SYSTEM NAME:

Medical/Dental Care and Claims Inquiry Files (May 9, 2003, 68 FR 24938).

CHANGES:

Add the following to the end of the entry: "or TRICARE Management Activity Privacy Office, Skyline 5, Suite 810, 5111 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041-3201."

RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:

Add the following to the end of the entry: "or TRICARE Management Activity Privacy Office, Skyline 5, Suite 810, 5111 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041-3201."

DTMA 02

SYSTEM NAME:

Medical/Dental Care and Claims Inquiry 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 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: