

- 106—Coronary Bypass with Cardiac Catheterization
- 107—Coronary Bypass without Cardiac Catheterization
- 110—Major Cardiovascular Procedures with CC
- 111—Major Cardiovascular Procedures without CC
- 191—Pancreas, Liver and Shunt Procedures with CC
- 209—Major Joint and Limb Reattachment Procedures of Lower Extremity
- 286—Adrenal and Pituitary Procedures
- 357—Uterine and Adnexa Procedures for Ovarian or Adnexal Malignancy
- 491—Major Joint and Limb Reattachment of Upper Extremity

DoD beneficiaries who reside in the NMCS D STS Catchment Area for TRICARE Region Nine must be evaluated by NMCS D before receiving TRICARE/CHAMPUS cost sharing for the procedures that fall under the above Diagnostic Related Groups. Travel and lodging for the patient and, if stated to be medically necessary by a referring physician, for one nonmedical attendant, will be reimbursed by NMCS D in accordance with the provisions of the Joint Federal Travel Regulation. Although evaluation in person is preferred, it is possible to conduct the evaluation telephonically if the patient is unable to travel to NMCS D. If the procedure cannot be performed at NMCS D, the TRICARE Managed Care Support Contractor for Region Nine will provide a medical necessity review prior to issuance of a Nonavailability Statement or other similar authorizations. The NMCS D Catchment Area covering TRICARE Region Nine is defined by zip codes in the Defense Medical Information System STS Facilities Catchment Area Directory. The Catchment Area includes zip codes within TRICARE Region Nine in California and Yuma, Arizona, that fall within a 200 mile radius of NMCS D.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 1, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: LT Karen Leahy, NMCS D, (619) 532-5344; or Major Kelly Wolgast, Office of the Lead Agent, TRICARE Region Nine, (619) 532-6169; or Lt. Col. Teresa Sommese, TRICARE Management Activity, (703) 681-3628, extension 5029; or Mr. Tariq Shahid, TRICARE Management Activity, (303) 676-3801.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In FR DOC 93-27050, appearing in the **Federal Register** on November 5, 1993 (Vol. 58, FR 58955-58964), the final rule on the STS Program was published. Included in the final rule was a provision that a notice of all military and civilian STS facilities be published in the **Federal**

Register annually. This notice is issued under the authority of 10 U.S.C. 1105 and 32 CFR 199.4(a)(10).

Dated: November 19, 1998.

L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

TRICARE; the Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services (CHAMPUS); Specialized Treatment Services (STS) Program

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice is to advise interested parties that National Naval Medical Center (NNMC), Bethesda, Maryland, Walter Reed Army Medical Center (WRAMC), Washington, DC, and Malcolm Grow Medical Center (MGMC), Andrews Air Force Base, Maryland, have been designated as the components of a Regional Specialized Treatment Services Facility (STSF) for General Surgery and Orthopedic Surgery for TRICARE Region 1. NNMC and WRAMC have been designated as the components of a Regional STSF for Neurosurgery, Otorhinolaryngology Surgery, and Gynecologic Oncology Surgery for TRICARE Region 1. The application for the STSF designation for these facilities was submitted by the Lead Agent for TRICARE Region 1 and approved by the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs). The Lead Agent will ensure that these facilities maintain the quality and standards required for specialized treatment services. The designation covers the following Diagnostic Related Groups:

General Surgery

- 191—Pancreas, Liver and Shunt Procedures with CC
- 286—Adrenal and Pituitary Procedures (adrenal only)

Orthopedic Surgery

- 209—Major joint/limb reattachment procedures lower extremity
- 491—Major joint/limb reattachment procedures upper extremity

Neurosurgery

- 001—Craniotomy, age greater than 17 except for trauma
- 003—Craniotomy, age 0-17
- 004—Spinal procedures
- 286—Adrenal and pituitary procedures (pituitary only)

Otorhinolaryngology Surgery

- 049—Major Head and Neck procedures

Gynecologic Oncology Surgery

- 357—Uterine and Adnexa procedures for Ovarian or Adnexal Malignancy

Travel and lodging for the patient and, if stated to be medically necessary by a referring physician, for one nonmedical attendant, will be reimbursed by NNMC, WRAMC, or MGMC in accordance with the provisions of the Joint Federal Travel Regulation. DOD beneficiaries who reside in the STS catchment area for TRICARE Region 1 must be evaluated by NNMC, WRAMC, or MGMC before receiving TRICARE/CHAMPUS cost sharing for General Surgery and Orthopedic Surgery procedures that fall under the above Diagnosis Related Groups. These Region 1 beneficiaries must be evaluated by NNMC or WRAMC before receiving TRICARE/CHAMPUS cost sharing for Neurosurgery, Otorhinolaryngology Surgery, and Gynecologic Oncology Surgery procedures that fall under the above Diagnosis Related Groups. Evaluation in person is preferred, and travel and lodging expenses for the evaluation will be reimbursed as stated above. It is possible to conduct the evaluation telephonically if the patient is unable to travel to NNMC, WRAMC, or MGMC. If the procedure cannot be performed at NNMC, WRAMC, or MGMC, the facility will provide a medical necessity review prior to issuance of a Nonavailability Statement.

The STS Catchment Area covering TRICARE Region 1 is defined by zip codes in the Defense Medical Information System STS Facilities Catchment Area Directory. The Catchment Area includes zip codes within TRICARE Region 1 in the states of Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and the District of Columbia that fall within a 200 mile radius of the midpoint of a line between WRAMC and NNMC.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 1, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: CDR W. Isley (NNMC) at (301) 295-6195, Ms. Kendra Drew (WRAMC) at (202) 782-4302, Capt. R. Warwar (MGMC) at (301) 981-2475, CAPT D. Michael Jones (TRICARE Region 1 Lead Agent Office) at (202) 782-1483, Lt. Col. Teresa Sommese, (TRICARE Management Activity) at (703) 681-3628, extension 5029; or Mr. Tariq Shahid, (TRICARE Management Activity) at (303) 676-3801.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Renewal of the Telecommunications Service Priority System Oversight Committee (TSPOC)

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This TSPOC has been renewed in consonance with the public interest, and in accordance with the provisions of Pub. L. 92-463, the "Federal Advisory Committee Act."

The TSPOC provides advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Defense regarding the priority treatment of national security and emergency preparedness telecommunications services. Functions include evaluating the currency of policies, procedures and system documentation requirements, and assessing the adequacy of the system in the light of technological advances.

The TSPOC will continue to be composed of 18 members, both federal, state and local government, and non-government individuals, who are experts in telecommunications services. Efforts will be made to ensure that there is a fairly balanced membership in terms of the functions to be performed and the interest groups represented.

For further information, contact: Ms. Debbie Bea, National Communications System, telephone: 703-607-4933.

Dated: November 19, 1998.

L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Defense Intelligence Agency, Science and Technology Advisory Board Closed Panel Meeting

AGENCY: Department of Defense, Defense Intelligence Agency.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the provisions of Subsection (d) of Section 10 of Public Law 92-463, as amended by Section 5 of Public Law 94-409, notice is hereby given that a closed meeting of the DIA Science and Technology Advisory Board has been scheduled as follows:

DATES: 2 December 1998 (0800 am to 1600 pm).

ADDRESSES: The Defense Intelligence Agency, 200 MacDill BLVD, Washington, D.C. 20340-5100.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Maj Donald R. Culp, Jr., USAF, Executive Secretary, DIA Science and Technology Advisory Board, Washington, D.C. 20340-1328 (202) 231-4930.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The entire meeting is devoted to the discussion of classified information as defined in Section 552b(c)(1), Title 5 of the U.S. Code, and therefore will be closed to the public. The Board will receive briefings on and discuss several current critical intelligence issues and advise the Director, DIA, on related scientific and technical matters.

Dated: November 19, 1998.

L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Defense Science Board Task Force on Globalization and Security

ACTION: Notice of advisory committee meetings.

SUMMARY: The Defense Science Board Task Force on Globalization and Security will meet in closed session on December 17-18, 1998, January 21-22, February 18-19, March 11-12, and April 7-8, 1999 at Strategic Analysis Inc. (SAI), 4001 N. Fairfax Drive, Arlington, Virginia.

The mission of the Defense Science Board is to advise the Secretary of Defense through the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology

on scientific and technical matters as they affect the perceived needs of the Department of Defense. At these meetings the Task Force will develop advice to provide to the DepSecDef and USD (A&T) regarding transformations to the industrial base serving the DoD—assessing the significant benefits to the Department and the risks that our adversaries will be able to learn about our technology.

In accordance with Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law No. 92-463, as amended (5 U.S.C. App. II (1994)), it has been determined that these DSB Task Force meetings concern matters listed in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1) (1994), and that, accordingly, these meetings will be closed to the public.

Dated: November 19, 1998.

L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[FE Docket No. 98-76-NG]

Office of Fossil Energy; Chevron U.S.A. Inc.: Order Granting Long-Term Authorization to Import Natural Gas From Canada

AGENCY: Office of Fossil Energy, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of order.

SUMMARY: The Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy gives notice that it has issued an order granting Chevron U.S.A. Inc. (Chevron) long-term authorization to import from Canada up to 1,500 thousand cubic feet per day of natural gas from November 1, 1997, through October 31, 2001. This natural gas may be imported from Canada at the pipeline connection of TransCanada PipeLines Limited and North Country Gas Pipeline near Champlain, New York (Napierville, Quebec) at the United States/Canada border.

This order may be found on the FE web site at <http://www.fe.doe.gov> and on our electronic bulletin board at (202) 586-7853. It is also available for inspection and copying in the Office of Natural Gas & Petroleum Import and Export Activities docket room, 3E-042, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C., 20585, (202) 586-9478. The docket room is open between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.