

Transitional and Continued Coverage

I. TRANSITIONAL ASSISTANCE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (TAMP)

A. Background

The Transitional Assistance Management Program (TAMP) established MTF and TRICARE eligibility for a new category of beneficiaries: reservists who served in connection with Contingency Operations (such as Operation Desert Storm and Operation Joint Endeavor) and their family members, service members involuntarily separated from active duty and their family members, and active duty members who accept voluntary separation incentives (VSI). The sponsors and their family members are eligible for continued TRICARE benefits to include services and supplies provided under the Program for Persons with Disabilities, and MTF care, for a defined period of time as indicated on DEERS. While the status of these individuals is neither active duty nor retiree/deceased, for the purpose of cost-sharing, the claims from these individuals shall be processed as active duty. For a discussion of the legal authority and the beneficiary categories, refer to the Policy Manual, Chapter 9, Section 11.1.

B. Required Contractor Actions

Once jurisdictional responsibility is established, the contractor shall have the capability by using DEERS to identify these claims as TAMP and process them as active duty claims. Eligibility verification of Operation Desert Storm sponsors shall be based either on the DEERS response or a Leave and Earnings Statement indicating Desert Storm involvement. Eligibility verification of an active duty member who was separated involuntarily shall be based solely on the DEERS response (ADP Manual, Chapter 9, Section IV.). For those claims that are submitted for medical services rendered to the sponsor and if the contractor can identify the claim as meeting the transitional eligibility requirements, the contractor shall process the claim. Otherwise, the sponsor claims indicating status as "active duty" and relationship as "self" shall continue to be transferred to the military services according to the OPM Part Two, Chapter 1, Section IV.A.2.b.

