

II. PROVIDERS OF CARE

A. General

1. The SHCP payment structure applies to inpatient and outpatient medical claims submitted from civilian institutions, individual professional providers, pharmacies and uniformed service members for civilian health care received within the 50 United States and the District of Columbia. Most patients covered by this Chapter will have undergone medical care prior to any contact with the SPOC or the MCS contractor. However, when the patient initiates contact prior to treatment and the SPOC has authorized the care being sought, the Managed Care Support Contractor's (MCSC) Health Care Finder (HCF) will make referrals to network providers; if a network provider is not available, the referral will be made to a TRICARE authorized provider (see [Section II.B.2.](#)).

2. For service determined eligible patients other than active duty (e.g., ROTC, Reserve Component, foreign military, etc.), Health Care Finders, upon receiving an authorization from the SPOC, will document the authorization and coordinate appointments with a network provider or CHAMPUS authorized provider (if available).

B. Department of Veteran's Affairs

1. General

In addition to receiving claims from civilian providers, the contractors may also receive SHCP claims from the Department of Veteran's Affairs (DVA). The provisions of the SHCP will not apply to services provided under the current Memoranda of Understanding between the Department of Defense (including the Army, Air Force and Navy/ Marine Corps facilities) and the Department of Veteran's Affairs. Claims for these services will continue to be processed by the Services. However, any services not included in the MOU shall be paid by the MCSC in accordance with the requirements in this chapter. In these cases, the DVA facility will be required to submit the same certification currently used for TRICARE claims to document that the service was not included in the MOU.

2. VA Providers in Alaska

The MCS contractor with current responsibility to process claims received from the VA in Alaska will continue to process such claims in accordance with the current procedures. These claims will be processed as supplemental health care claims.

