

CHAPTER 9
SECTION 11.1

ELIGIBILITY - TRANSITIONAL ASSISTANCE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

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I. ISSUE

Establishing eligibility for transitional health care for service members (and their family members) who served in connection with contingency operations (such as Operation Desert Storm and Operation Joint Endeavor), and for service members (and their family members) who are involuntarily separated from active duty.

II. BACKGROUND

Based upon the provisions of the National Defense Authorization Act, Fiscal Year 1991 (P.L. 101-510), the Persian Gulf Conflict Supplemental Authorization and Personnel Benefits Act of 1991 (P.L. 102-25), and the National Defense Authorization Act, Fiscal Year 1995 (P.L. 103-337) transitional health care benefits under TRICARE/CHAMPUS have been authorized for certain service members and their families under limited circumstances. The categories affected include members and their authorized family members who served in connection with contingency operations (such as Operation Desert Storm and Operation Joint Endeavor) and those active duty service members otherwise subject to involuntary separations from active duty. The program that will implement these provisions will be known as the Transitional Assistance Management Program (TAMP).

III. POLICY

Members and their authorized family members meeting the criteria for transitional benefits listed below, are entitled to medical benefits under TRICARE/CHAMPUS to the same extent as those available to active duty family members. Contractors are responsible for determining DEERS eligibility status as listed in the [OPM Part Two, Chapter 1, Section IV.E.](#) and [ADP Manual, Chapter 9.](#) Claims are to be cost-shared by the contractor as active duty family members.

A. Members (and their family members) eligible for TAMP in connection with contingency operations.

1. Covered Groups

a. Members of a reserve component of the Armed Forces who were called to active duty in connection with contingency operations.

b. Active duty service members who were involuntarily retained in connection with contingency operations.

c. Active duty service members who were voluntarily agreed to remain on active duty for a period of less than one year in connection with contingency operations.

d. Active duty members who accepted Voluntary Separation Incentives (VSI).

2. Time Frames for Eligibility.

a. Eligible upon release from active duty in connection with contingency operations until the earlier of;

(1) Thirty days after the release of the member from active duty; or

(2) The date on which the member and their family members are covered by a health plan sponsored by an employer.

3. Effective Dates for Eligibility.

a. The earliest effective date of eligibility for individuals who served in Operation Desert Storm is April 6, 1991.

b. The earliest effective date of eligibility for individuals who served in Operation Joint Endeavor is December 8, 1995.

B. TAMP for Active Duty Members who are Involuntarily Separated.

1. Covered groups

a. Members (and their family members) with less than six years of active service are eligible for 60 days from date of involuntary separation.

b. Members (and their family members) with six or more years of active service are eligible for 120 days from the date of involuntary separation.

2. Time Frames for Eligibility. The time span for this program is nine years beginning on October 1, 1990.

IV. POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

A. Change in eligibility status of a beneficiary during an inpatient hospital stay. See [Chapter 13, Section 6.1B](#).

B. In cases involving the existence of other health insurance for family members and/or sponsors, treat as double coverage as required by [Chapter 13, Section 12.1](#).

C. Eligibility determinations for coverage must be based on DEERS determinations.

D. The Continued Health Care Benefit Program (CHCBP) may be available to members (and their family members) after the expiration of TAMP entitlement if their TAMP eligibility expired after August 2, 1994. For specific additional requirements, entitlements, and beginning date of eligibility, see [Chapter 9, Section 13.1](#).

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