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## TRANSITIONAL ASSISTANCE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (TAMP)

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### I. DESCRIPTION

The Transitional Assistance Management Program (TAMP) establishes TRICARE eligibility for specific categories of beneficiaries. The sponsors and their family members are eligible for continued TRICARE medical benefits including enrollment/re-enrollment in TRICARE Prime, services and supplies provided under the Extended Care Health Option (ECHO), and **Military Treatment Facility (MTF)** care, for a defined period of time as indicated on **Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS)**. While the status of these individuals is neither active duty nor retiree/deceased, for the purpose of cost-sharing, the claims for these individuals (including the former active duty member) shall be processed as active duty dependents.

### II. POLICY

A. Covered Groups. Those members and their authorized dependents who meet the criteria below are entitled to medical benefits under TRICARE to the same extent as those available to active duty dependents.

1. A member who is involuntarily separated from active duty.
2. A member of a reserve component who is separated from active duty to which called or ordered in support of a contingency operation if the active duty is for a period of more than 30 days.
3. A member who is separated from active duty for which the member is involuntarily retained under Section 12305 (also referred to as "stop loss") of Title 10, U.S.C., in support of a contingency operation.
4. A member who is separated from active duty served pursuant to a voluntary agreement of the member to remain on active duty for a period of less than one year in support of a contingency operation.
5. A member who receives a sole survivorship discharge as defined in Section 1174 of Title 10, U.S.C. This provision was added by Public Law 110-317, effective August 29, 2008.

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6. A member who is separated from active duty who agrees to become a member of the Selected Reserve of the Ready Reserve of a reserve component. This provision was added by Public Law 110-417, National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) 2009, Section 734, effective October 14, 2008.

B. Time frames for eligibility for members and dependents for separations that occurred on or after December 28, 2001 but before November 6, 2003.

1. Members (and dependents) involuntarily separated from active duty with less than six years of active service are eligible for 60 days of TAMP. Members (and dependents) involuntarily separated from active duty with six years or more of total active federal military service are eligible for 120 days.

2. Members (and their dependents) of the armed forces who are members of a Reserve Component and who are called or ordered to active duty in support of a contingency operation are eligible for 30 days of coverage or until covered by an employer-sponsored health plan, whichever occurs earlier.

3. Members (and their dependents) of the armed forces who are involuntarily retained on active duty under Section 12305 of this title in support of a contingency operation are eligible for 30 days of coverage or until covered by an employer-sponsored health plan, whichever occurs earlier.

4. Members (and their dependents) of the armed forces who voluntarily agree to remain on active duty for a period of less than one year in support of a contingency operation are eligible for 30 days of coverage or until covered by an employer sponsored health plan, whichever occurs earlier.

C. Time frames of eligibility for TAMP eligibles in which the member's separation occurred on or after November 6, 2003 - Transitional health care for TAMP eligibles shall be available for 180 days beginning on the date on which the member is separated from active duty.

D. Determining Eligibility

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

2. Managed Care Support Contractors (MCSCs) are responsible for confirming DEERS eligibility status. 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 dependent claims. While the status of these individuals is neither active duty nor retiree/deceased, for the purpose of cost-sharing, the claims for these individuals shall be processed as active duty dependents. Eligibility verification of an active duty member who was separated involuntarily shall be based solely on the DEERS response. 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. Claims are to be

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processed by the contractor using the same rules and cost-shares that apply to active duty dependents.

E. Change in eligibility status of a beneficiary during an inpatient hospital stay (see the TRICARE Reimbursement Manual (TRM), [Chapter 6, Section 2](#)).

F. In cases involving the existence of Other Health Insurance (OHI) for dependents and/or sponsors, treat as double coverage as required by the TRICARE Reimbursement Manual.

G. TRICARE Prime:

1. Enrollment in Prime. TAMP eligibles may enroll or re-enroll in TRICARE Prime.
2. Effective Date of Enrollment in TRICARE Prime is as follows:

a. TAMP eligibles (including the former active duty member) who were enrolled in Prime immediately prior to their change in status may continue their enrollment in TRICARE Prime with no break in coverage. A reenrollment application must be completed prior to the TAMP expiration period in order to continue with TRICARE Prime. The effective date shall be the date the sponsor separated from active duty as the intent is to ensure that Prime coverage is seamless. See [Chapter 10, Section 2.1](#) for further information on the effective date of enrollment.

b. TAMP eligibles who were not enrolled in Prime (including **TRICARE Prime Remote (TPR)** and **TRICARE Prime Remote Active Duty Family Member (TPRADFM)**) immediately prior to their change in status may choose to enroll in TRICARE Prime while receiving TAMP coverage but such enrollment is subject to the “twentieth of the month rule”. That is, if an application for an initial enrollment is received after the twentieth day of the month, Prime enrollment will begin on the first day of the second month after the month in which the application was received by the contractor. See [Chapter 10, Section 2.1](#) for further information on the effective date of enrollment.

c. TAMP eligibles whose sponsor is called to active duty.

(1) TAMP eligible family members who were enrolled in Prime immediately prior to their sponsor’s change in status to active duty may continue their reenrollment in TRICARE Prime with no break in coverage if they reenroll in TRICARE Prime within 30 days of the return to active duty status. If reenrollment is accomplished within 30 days of the return to active duty status, the reenrollment will be retroactive to the date of the change in status from TAMP to active duty. If reenrollment is not accomplished within 30 days of the return to active duty status, the twentieth of the month rule will apply.

(2) TAMP eligible family members not enrolled in Prime immediately prior to reactivation (i.e., return to active duty) may choose to enroll in Prime but such initial enrollment is subject to the twentieth of the month rule. That is, if an application for an initial enrollment in Prime is received after the twentieth of the month, Prime enrollment will begin on the first day of the second month after the month in which the application was received by

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the contractor. See [Chapter 10, Section 2.1](#) for further information on effective date of initial enrollments and reenrollments.

(3) For information on the effective dates of enrollments for Active Duty Service Member (ADSM) see the TRICARE Operations Manual (TOM), [Chapter 6, Section 1](#).

d. While the TPR and TPRADFM are not available to TAMP eligibles, these programs are considered a “Prime-like” benefit and enrollment or reenrollment in Prime shall be available to them as stated above.

H. The Continued Health Care Benefit Program (CHCBP) may be available to members (and their dependents) after the expiration of TAMP entitlement. The CHCBP is a program that requires enrollment and the payment of quarterly premiums. Application for CHCBP must occur within 60 days of loss of TAMP eligibility. See [Chapter 10, Section 4.1](#) for further information.

I. Dental Coverage

1. Dental benefits for TAMP-eligibles are limited to space available care in the Dental Treatment Facility (DTF).

2. The TRICARE Dental Program (TDP) is a voluntary dental insurance program that is available to Active Duty Family Members (ADFM)s, Selected Reserve and Individual Ready Reserve members, and their eligible family members. The TDP is not part of the benefits offered under TAMP. Sponsors who were enrolled in the TDP prior to being activated, who then return to Reserve status, may be eligible to re-enroll in the TDP.

J. Demonstrations.

1. TAMP eligibles who were also eligible for the benefits of the Operation Noble Eagle/Operation Enduring Freedom Demonstration shall retain those benefits during their TAMP eligibility if the Demonstration is still active. See the TOM, [Chapter 20, Section 4](#). **The demonstration was effective for claims for services provided on or after September 14, 2001, and before November 1, 2009. The provisions of the demonstration were made permanent by section 704 and 705 of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2005. See [Chapter 10, Section 8.1](#).**

2. TAMP eligibles with a DEERS indicator “B” for Bosnia shall retain the same special demonstration benefits available to them while on active duty during their TAMP eligibility.

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