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CHANGE TITLE: ELIMINATION OF THE NON-AVAILABILITY STATEMENT (NAS) REQUIREMENT FOR NON-EMERGENCY INPATIENT MENTAL HEALTH CARE

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SUMMARY OF CHANGE(S): This change eliminates the requirement that states a Non-Availability Statement (NAS) is needed for non-emergency inpatient mental health care in order for a TRICARE Standard beneficiary's claim to be paid. Currently, NAS are required for non-emergency inpatient mental health care for TRICARE Standard beneficiaries who live within a military treatment facility catchment area.

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