

Program Integrity

1.0 GENERAL

All TRICARE requirements regarding program integrity shall apply to the TRICARE Overseas Program (TOP) unless specifically changed, waived, or superseded by this section; the TRICARE Policy Manual (TPM), [Chapter 12](#); or the TRICARE contract for health care support services outside the 50 United States and the District of Columbia (hereinafter referred to as the "TOP contract"). See [Chapter 13](#) for additional instructions.

1.1 In addition to the requirements outlined in [Chapter 13](#), the Government may implement additional requirements as necessary to prevent or detect fraud in overseas locations.

Note: TRICARE guidance regarding anti-fraud programs at Military Treatment Facilities (MTFs) is contained in Department of Defense Instruction (DoDI) 5505.12 (October 19, 2006). This instruction is located at: <http://www.dtic.mil/whs/directives/corres/pdf/550512p.pdf>.

1.2 The TRICARE Area Office (TAO) Directors shall report possible fraudulent or abuse practices by a TOP beneficiary/[purchased care sector](#) provider to the TOP contractor, the appropriate [Defense Health Agency \(DHA\)](#) Contracting Officer's Representative (COR), and the [DHA](#), Chief, Program Integrity Branch, including requests for the contractor to flag or watch providers suspected of fraud and abuse.

2.0 CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBILITIES

2.1 The TOP contractor is required to notify the [DHA](#) Program Integrity Office (PI) in writing of any new or ongoing fraud and abuse issues.

2.2 In cases involving check fraud, the TOP contractor is not required to reissue checks until the investigation is finalized, fraud has been determined, and the contractor has received the money back from the investigating bank.

2.3 Upon direction from [DHA](#), the contractor shall discontinue payments to Third Party Administrators (TPAs) in countries or specific agencies where significant fraud is occurring on a regular basis.

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