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## Chapter 27

# Prime Service Area (PSA) Reduction in Fiscal Year (FY) 2014 Policies And Effective Dates

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## Prime Service Area (PSA) Reduction in Fiscal Year (FY) 2014 Policies And Effective Dates

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### 1.0 GENERAL

**1.1** As of October 1, 2013, new TRICARE Prime enrollments will no longer be available to beneficiaries who reside outside of a TRICARE Third Generation (T-3) Prime Service Area (PSA), unless they waive their access to care standards. PSAs are geographic areas where TRICARE Prime is offered. PSAs were created to ensure medical readiness of the active duty force by augmenting the capability and capacity of Military Treatment Facilities (MTFs). Policy also allowed establishment of PSAs around the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) sites. The PSAs being eliminated (referred to as Transitional PSAs or TPSAs) were not built around MTFs or BRAC sites, but in other geographic locations under the prior TRICARE Next Generation (TNEX) contract. Some PSAs are also being reduced. The TPSAs were allowed to continue until all three regions were operating under the T-3 contracts.

**1.2** TRICARE Prime enrollment for beneficiaries enrolled outside of a TRICARE T-3 PSA will be automatically terminated effective October 1, 2013 by the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS), unless they meet exception criteria contained in the policy section below. Two notification letters will be mailed to beneficiaries potentially impacted during the February to July 2013 period fully explaining the PSA changes and their TRICARE health plan options as stated in [paragraph 2.9](#). The majority of the disenrolled beneficiaries will retain TRICARE Standard and TRICARE Extra coverage. Some of the disenrolled beneficiaries may be eligible to continue their Prime enrollment in a T-3 PSA or with one of the six Uniformed Services Family Health Plans (USFHPs). See [paragraph 2.4](#) for the impact on TRICARE Young Adult (TYA) Prime enrollees.

### 2.0 POLICY

#### 2.1 Active Duty Services Members (ADSMs)

TRICARE enrollments for ADSMs, including activated National Guard and Reserve members, will not be affected by the PSA reductions. All ADSMs shall remain enrolled in TRICARE Prime or TRICARE Prime Remote (TPR), as appropriate.

#### 2.2 Active Duty Family Members (ADFMs) (including ADFM TYA Prime Enrollees)

ADFMs (including ADFM TYA Prime enrollees) enrolled in TRICARE Prime and who reside outside of a T-3 PSA on September 30, 2013, will be grandfathered in TRICARE Prime starting October 1, 2013. They will remain enrolled in TRICARE Prime as long as they reside within 40 miles of the residence where they were originally granted grandfathered status and maintain eligibility as ADFMs. The Managed Care Support Contractors (MCSCs) must continue to have a Primary Care Manager (PCM) available for these beneficiaries and ensure all claims and benefits are administered

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as TRICARE Prime. ADFMs shall remain enrolled in TPR for Active Duty Family Members (TPRADFM), as appropriate. The MCSCs will manage the grandfathered ADFMs as stated in this chapter.

**2.2.1** Terms of Grandfathered Status. The ADFM must maintain a residence within 40 miles of the residence where they were originally granted grandfathered status in order to retain grandfathered status. Grandfathered ADFMs must be assigned a PCM. Grandfathered ADFMs may add or terminate enrollment of dependents like any other ADFM (marriage, birth, adoption, divorce, etc.). Dependents may live in a separate residence outside a T-3 PSA and still be grandfathered.

**2.2.2** Grandfathered ADFMs lose their grandfathered status when they are:

- No longer TRICARE eligible,
- No longer residing within 40 miles of the residence where they were originally granted grandfathered status, or
- Change to retired status.

**2.2.3** All previously grandfathered beneficiaries (those grandfathered prior to the T-3 contracts) lose their grandfathered status effective October 1, 2013. They will be managed like all other beneficiaries.

### **2.3 Retirees And Their Family Members**

Retirees and their family members enrolled in TRICARE Prime (including retiree TYA Prime), who reside outside of a T-3 PSA, will be disenrolled effective midnight on September 30, 2013. Impacted retirees and their family members may re-enroll in TRICARE Prime at an MTF or with a network civilian PCM inside a T-3 PSA if they live within 100 miles of an available PCM in a T-3 PSA, submit a new request for enrollment, and waive both primary and specialty care travel time standards. They may also enroll in one of the six USFHPs, if available.

**2.3.1** Retired beneficiaries who reside within a T-3 PSA, but are enrolled with a PCM located outside of a T-3 PSA will remain enrolled in TRICARE Prime. DEERS will not automatically disenroll these beneficiaries. The MCSCs shall notify these beneficiaries and assist them with selecting a PCM inside the T-3 PSA.

**2.3.2** No retired beneficiary will be given grandfathered status.

### **2.4 TYA Enrollees**

TYA Prime enrollments for beneficiaries who reside outside of a T-3 PSA will be processed according to their sponsor's status.

**2.4.1** ADFM TYA Prime beneficiaries enrolled outside of a T-3 PSA will be grandfathered in TYA Prime effective October 1, 2013, and will be able to retain grandfathered status as long as they meet the following conditions:

- They reside within 40 miles of the residence where they or their sponsor was originally granted grandfathered status (see [paragraphs 2.2.1](#) and [2.2.2](#)),

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- They remain eligible to purchase coverage, and
- Their sponsor's status does not change.

**2.4.2** Retiree TYA Prime beneficiaries who reside outside of a T-3 PSA will be disenrolled effective midnight September 30, 2013, with no lockout applied ([Chapter 25, Section 1](#)), unless they are enrolled to a PCM within a T-3 PSA. All TYA eligible beneficiaries whose Prime enrollments are terminated must re-apply for coverage by completing a new TYA Application (DD Form 2947) to either enroll in TYA Standard or re-enroll in TYA Prime if they meet the requirements for retiree enrollment in TRICARE Prime contained in [paragraph 2.3](#).

### **2.5 Transitional Assistance Management Program (TAMP)**

TAMP beneficiaries enrolled in Prime who reside outside of a T-3 PSA will be grandfathered and managed like all other ADFMs. Additionally, grandfathered Prime enrollees will continue to be grandfathered if they become TAMP eligible and enroll in TAMP, as long as they reside within 40 miles of the residence where they were originally granted grandfathered status. Grandfathered status will not be given to TAMP beneficiaries who move into an area that is not a T-3 PSA on/after October 1, 2013.

### **2.6 Transitional Survivors**

Transitional Survivors are grandfathered like any other ADFM. However, when a surviving spouse's status changes from Transitional Survivor to Survivor, they will be disenrolled from TRICARE Prime and have to apply for re-enrollment as a Survivor, if TRICARE Prime is available within 100 miles of their residence. The current survivors are managed like any other retired beneficiary; they are not grandfathered.

### **2.7 TPR and TPRADFM**

The current policy for TPR and TPRADFM does not change.

### **2.8 New Enrollments in TPSAs (all beneficiaries)**

**2.8.1** New TRICARE Prime enrollments in the TPSAs on or after April 1, 2013 will be limited. Beneficiaries who establish a residence in a TPSA prior to August 20, 2013 (20th of the month rule) can enroll in TRICARE Prime. Beneficiaries who do not establish residence in the TPSA cannot enroll with a TPSA PCM after April 1, 2013, unless they are attached to a grandfathered ADSM. Beneficiaries may "transfer" their TRICARE Prime enrollment to the TPSA if they establish residence in a TPSA before September 30, 2013.

**2.8.2** ADFMs moving into an area that is not a T-3 PSA on or after October 1, 2013 will not receive grandfathered status. If eligible to do so, they may enroll in TPRADFM. No TRICARE Prime enrollments to providers in the disestablished TPSAs shall be permitted after September 30, 2013, either for ADFMs or retirees.

## **2.9 Notification and Disenrollment Letters**

The MCSCs shall print and mail two notification letters between February and July 2013. TMA Beneficiary Education & Support Division (BE&SD) will provide the MCSCs and the Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC) the notification letter templates for each beneficiary category. DMDC will provide a listing of the beneficiaries, to include their name and the demographic data needed, to complete the mailings. Copies of the letters and beneficiary listing will also be provided to the TRICARE Regional Offices (TROs). In August 2013, DMDC will mail disenrollment letters to the beneficiaries whose TRICARE Prime enrollment will be terminated effective October 1, 2013.

**Note:** All affected beneficiaries noted in the above paragraphs may also have the option to enroll in the USFHP, where available.

## **3.0 EFFECTIVE DATES**

**3.1** New enrollments in the TPSA are not allowed after August 20, 2013, for any beneficiary category (20th of the month rule), unless they qualify for TPR or TPRADFM.

**3.2** All TPSAs terminate effective midnight September 30, 2013.

**3.3** Effective October 1, 2013, PSAs will be maintained only at MTFs and designated BRAC sites.

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SAS	Sensory Afferent Stimulation
SAT	Service Assist Team
SBCC	Service Branch Classification Code
SBI	Special Background Investigation
SCA	Service Contract Act
SCH	Sole Community Hospital
SCHIP	State Children's Health Insurance Program
SCI	Sensitive Compartmented Information Spinal Cord Injury
SCIC	Significant Change in Condition
SCOO	Special Contracts and Operations Office
SCR	Stem Cell Rescue
S/D	Security Division
SD (Form)	Secretary of Defense (Form)
SEP	Sensory Evoked Potentials
SES	Senior Executive Service
SelRes	Selected Reserve
SF	Standard Form
SFTP	Secure File Transfer Protocol
SGDs	Speech Generating Devices
SHCP	Supplemental Health Care Program
SI	Sensitive Information Small Intestine (transplant) Special Indicator (code) Status Indicator
SIDS	Sudden Infant Death Syndrome
SIF	Source Input Format
SII	Special Investigative Inquiry
SI/L	Small Intestine-Live (transplant)
SIOP-ESI	Single Integrated Operational plan-Extremely Sensitive Information
SIP	System Identification Profile
SIRT	Selective Internal Radiation Therapy
SIT	Standard Insurance Table
SMC	System Management Center
SNF	Skilled Nursing Facility
SNS	Sacral Nerve Root Stimulation
SOC	Start of Care
SOFA	Status Of Forces Agreement
SOIC	Senior Officer of the Intelligence Community
SON	Submitting Office Number
SOR	Statement of Reasons
SPA	Simple Power Analysis
SPECT	Single Photon Emission Computed Tomography

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SPK	Simultaneous Pancreas Kidney (transplant)
SPOC	Service Point of Contact
SPR	SECRET Periodic Reinvestigation
SQL	Structured Query Language
SRE	Serious Reportable Event
SSA	Social Security Act Social Security Administration
SSAA	Social Security Authorization Agreement
SSAN	Social Security Administration Number
SSBI	Single-Scope Background Investigation
SSDI	Social Security Disability Insurance
SSL	Secure Socket Layer
SSM	Site Security Manager
SSN	Social Security Number
SSO	Short-Stay Outlier
ST	Speech Therapy
STF	Specialized Treatment Facility
STS	Specialized Treatment Services
STSF	Specialized Treatment Service Facility
SUBID	Sub-Identifier
SUDRF	Substance Use Disorder Rehabilitation Facility
SVO	SIT Validation Office
SVT	Supraventricular Tachycardia
SWLS	Satisfaction With Life Scale
<b>T-3</b>	<b>TRICARE Third Generation</b>
TAD	Temporary Additional Duty
TAFIM	Technical Architecture Framework for Information Management
TAMP	Transitional Assistance Management Program
TAO	TRICARE Alaska Office TRICARE Area Office
TAR	Total Ankle Replacement
TARO	TRICARE Alaska Regional Office
TB	Tuberculosis
TBD	To Be Determined
TBE	Tick Borne Encephalitis
TBI	Traumatic Brain Injury
TC	Technical Component
TCMHC	TRICARE Certified Mental Health Counselor
TCP/IP	Transmission Control Protocol/Internet Protocol
TCSRC	Transitional Care for Service-Related Conditions
TDD	Targeted Disc Decompression
TDEFIC	TRICARE Dual Eligible Fiscal Intermediary Contract

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TDP	TRICARE Dental Program/Plan
TDY	Temporary Duty
TED	TRICARE Encounter Data
TEE	Transesophageal Echocardiograph [Echocardiography]
TEFRA	Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act
TEOB	TRICARE Explanation of Benefits
TEPRC	TRICARE Encounter Pricing (Record)
TEPRV	TRICARE Encounter Provider (Record)
TET	Tubal Embryo Transfer
TF	Transfer Factor
TFL	TRICARE For Life
TFMDP	TRICARE (Active Duty) Family Member Dental Plan
TGRO	TRICARE Global Remote Overseas
TGROHC	TGRO Host Country
TIFF	Tagged Imaged File Format
TIL	Tumor-Infiltrating Lymphocytes
TIMPO	Tri-Service Information Management Program Office
TIN	Taxpayer Identification Number
TIP	Thermal Intradiscal Procedure
TIPS	Transjugular Intrahepatic Portosystemic Shunt
TIS	TRICARE Information Service
TLAC	TRICARE Latin America/Canada
TLC	Total Lung Capacity
TMA	TRICARE Management Activity
TMA-A	TRICARE Management Activity - Aurora
TMAC	TRICARE Maximum Allowable Charge
TMCPA	Temporary Military Contingency Payment Adjustment
TMH	Telemental Health
TMI&S	Technology Management Integration & Standards
TMOP	TRICARE Mail Order Pharmacy
TMR	Transmyocardial Revascularization
TMS	Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation
TNEX	TRICARE Next Generation (MHS Systems)
TNP	Topical Negative Pressure
TOB	Type of Bill
TOE	Target of Evaluation
TOL	TRICARE Online
TOM	August 2002 TRICARE Operations Manual 6010.51-M February 2008 TRICARE Operations Manual 6010.56-M
TOP	TRICARE Overseas Program
TOPO	TRICARE Overseas Program Office
TPA	Third Party Administrator

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TPC	Third Party Collections
TPharm	TRICARE Pharmacy
TPL	Third Party Liability
TPM	August 2002 TRICARE Policy Manual 6010.54-M February 2008 TRICARE Policy Manual 6010.57-M
TPN	Total Parenteral Nutrition
TPOCS	Third Party Outpatient Collections System
TPR	TRICARE Prime Remote
TPRADFM	TRICARE Prime Remote Active Duty Family Member
TPRADSM	TRICARE Prime Remote Active Duty Service Member
TPRC	TRICARE Puerto Rico Contract(or)
<b>TPSA</b>	<b>Transitional Prime Service Area</b>
TQMC	TRICARE Quality Monitoring Contractor
TRDP	TRICARE Retiree Dental Program
TRI	TED Record Indicator
TRIAP	TRICARE Assistance Program
TRIP	Temporary Records Information Portal
TRM	August 2002 TRICARE Reimbursement Manual 6010.55-M February 2008 TRICARE Reimbursement Manual 6010.58-M
TRO	TRICARE Regional Office
TRO-N	TRICARE Regional Office-North
TRO-S	TRICARE Regional Office-South
TRO-W	TRICARE Regional Office-West
TRPB	TRICARE Retail Pharmacy Benefits
TRR	TRICARE Retired Reserve
TRRx	TRICARE Retail Pharmacy
TRS	TRICARE Reserve Select
TRSA	TRICARE Reserve Select Application
TSC	TRICARE Service Center
TSF	Target of Evaluation Security Functions
TSM	August 2002 TRICARE Systems Manual 7950.1-M February 2008 TRICARE Systems Manual 7950.2-M
TSP	Target of Evaluation Security Policy
TSR	TRICARE Select Reserve
TSRDP	TRICARE Select Reserve Dental Program
TSRx	TRICARE Senior Pharmacy
TSS	TRICARE Senior Supplement
TSSD	TRICARE Senior Supplement Demonstration
TTOP	TRICARE Transitional Outpatient Payment
TTPA	Temporary Transitional Payment Adjustment
TTY	Teletypewriter
TUNA	Transurethral Needle Ablation
TYA	TRICARE Young Adult

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UAE	Uterine Artery Embolization
UARS	Upper Airway Resistance Syndrome
UB	Uniform Bill
UBO	Uniform Business Office
UCBT	Umbilical Cord Blood Stem Cell Transplantation
UCC	Uniform Commercial Code Urgent Care Center
UCCI	United Concordia Companies, Inc.
UCSF	University of California San Francisco
UIC	Unit Identification Code
UIN	Unit Identifier Number
UM	Utilization Management
UMO	Utilization Management Organization
UMP	User Maintenance Portal
UPIN	Unique Physician Identification Number
UPPP	Uvulopalatopharyngoplasty
URFS	Unremarried Former Spouse
URL	Universal Resource Locator
US	Ultrasound United States
USA	United States of America
USACID	United States Army Criminal Investigation Division
USAF	United States Air Force
USAO	United States Attorneys' Office
USC	United States Code
USCG	United States Coast Guard
USCO	Uniformed Services Claim Office
USD	Undersecretary of Defense
USD (P&R)	Undersecretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness)
USDI	Undersecretary of Defense for Intelligence
USFHP	Uniformed Services Family Health Plan
USHBP	Uniformed Services Health Benefit Plan
USMC	United States Marine Corps
USMTF	Uniformed Services Medical Treatment Facility
USN	United States Navy
USPDI	United States Pharmacopoeia Drug Information
USPHS	United States Public Health Service
USPS	United States Postal Service
USPSTF	U.S. Preventive Services Task Force
USS	United Seaman's Service
USTF	Uniformed Services Treatment Facility
UV	Ultraviolet

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VA	Veterans Affairs (hospital) Veterans Administration
VAC	Vacuum-Assisted Closure
VAD	Ventricular Assist Device
VAMC	VA Medical Center
VATS	Video-Assisted Thoroscopic Surgery
VAX-D	Vertebral Axial Decompression
VD	Venereal Disease
VO	Verifying Office (Official)
VPN	Virtual Private Network
VPOC	Verification Point of Contact
VRDX	Reason Visit Diagnosis
VSAM	Virtual Storage Access Method
VSD	Ventricular Septal Defect
WAC	Wholesale Acquisition Cost
WAN	Wide Area Network
WATS	Wide Area Telephone Service
WC	Worker's Compensation
WebDOES	Web DEERS Online Enrollment System (application)
WEDI	Workgroup for Electronic Data Interchange
WHS	Washington Headquarters Services
WIC	Women, Infants, and Children (Program)
WII	Wounded, Ill, and Injured
WLAN	Wireless Local Area Network
WORM	Write Once Read Many
WRAMC	Walter Reed Army Medical Center
WTC	World Trade Center
WTRR	Wire Transfer Reconciliation Report
WTU	Warrior Transition Unit
WWW	World Wide Web
X-Linked SCID	X-Linked Severe Combined Immunodeficiency Syndrome
XML	eXtensible Markup Language
ZIFT	Zygote Intrafallopian Transfer
2D	Two Dimensional
3D	Three Dimensional

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