

PROVIDERS - GENERAL

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I. POLICY

TRICARE benefits may be allowed for the following authorized providers: (For information on authorized providers refer to [32 CFR 199.2](#) and [32 CFR 199.6](#).)

A. Institutional providers. Categories of institutional providers include:

1. Hospitals, acute care, general and special
2. Organ transplantation centers
3. Hospitals, psychiatric
4. Hospitals, long-term (tuberculosis, chronic care, or rehabilitation)
5. Skilled nursing facility
6. Residential treatment centers
7. Christian Science sanatoriums
8. Infirmaries
9. Other special institutional providers
 - Free-standing ambulatory surgical centers
10. Birthing centers
11. Psychiatric partial hospitalization programs
12. Hospice programs
13. Substance use disorder facilities

B. Individual Professional Providers. Types of professional providers include:

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1. Physicians
 - a. Doctors of Medicine (M.D.)
 - b. Doctors of Osteopathy (D.O.)
 2. Dentists
 3. Other allied health professionals
 - a. Clinical psychologist
 - b. Doctors of Optometry
 - c. Doctors of Podiatry or Surgical Chiropody
 - d. Certified nurse midwives
 - e. Certified nurse practitioner
 - f. Certified clinical social worker
 - g. Certified psychiatric nurse specialist
 - h. Certified physician assistant
 - i. Other individual paramedical providers
 - (1) Licensed registered nurses
 - (2) Licensed registered physical therapists and occupational therapists
 - (3) Audiologists
 - (4) Speech therapists (speech pathologists)
 4. Extramedical individual providers
 - a. Certified marriage and family therapists
 - b. Pastoral counselors
 - c. Mental health counselor
 - d. Christian Science practitioners and Christian Science nurses
- C. Other providers. Categories include:
1. Independent laboratory

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2. Suppliers of portable x-ray services
 3. Pharmacies
 4. Ambulance companies
 5. Medical equipment firms, medical supply firms
 6. Mammography suppliers
- D. Program for Persons with Disabilities (PPPWD) Providers. Categories include:
1. PFPWD inpatient care provider
 2. PFPWD outpatient care provider
 3. PFPWD vendor
- E. Corporate Services Providers

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