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The TRICARE Management Activity has authorized the following addition(s)/revision(s).

CHANGE TITLE: MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELOR

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PAGE CHANGE(S): See page 2.

SUMMARY OF CHANGE(S): This change allows mental health counselors certified under TRICARE, for services rendered through December 31, 2014, to practice independent of physician referral and supervision when licensed to do so. This change also REQUIRES mental health counselors certified under TRICARE, for services rendered on or after January 1, 2015, to be licensed for independent practice.

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