

PROVISION OF RESPITE CARE FOR THE BENEFIT OF SERIOUSLY ILL OR INJURED ACTIVE DUTY MEMBERS

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I. POLICY

A. The provisions of the TRICARE Operations Manual (TOM), [Chapter 18, Section 3](#) and the TRICARE Systems Manual (TSM), [Chapter 2, Sections 2.8](#) and [6.4](#) regarding respite care for seriously ill or injured Active Duty Service Members (ADSMs) are applicable in locations outside the 50 United States and the District of Columbia where TRICARE-authorized Home Health Agencies (HHAs) have been established.

B. The respite care benefit is applicable to ADSMs enrolled to a Military Treatment Facility (MTF), the TRICARE Global Remote Overseas (TGRO) contract, or the TRICARE Puerto Rico Contract (TPRC); and to any ADSM referred by an overseas MTF or TRICARE Area Office (TAO).

C. All normal ADSM authorization and case management requirements for the TRICARE Overseas Program (TOP) apply to the ADSM respite care benefit.

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