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The TRICARE Management Activity has authorized the following addition(s)/  
revision(s) to the 6010.54-M, issued August 2002.

**CHANGE TITLE:** FOREIGN FEE SCHEDULE IMPLEMENTATION

**PAGE CHANGE(S):** See page 2.

**SUMMARY OF CHANGE(S):** This change includes clarification that the foreign fee schedules apply to retirees or their eligible family members or standard Active Duty Family Members (ADFM)s for services received in the Philippines or Panama that fall under the claims processing jurisdiction of the foreign claims processor; removal of March 1, 2009 Country Specific Index Factor 0.229; and, clarification that the primary or principal diagnosis (not the admitting diagnosis) for an admission will be used to determine the group for a payment rate. In addition, this change increases the inpatient per diem amounts by including an add-on to reimburse for hospital capital costs. It also provides that country specific index factor adjusted CMACs will not apply to ancillary services.

**EFFECTIVE AND IMPLEMENTATION DATE:** Upon direction of the Contracting Officer.

This change is made in conjunction with Aug 2002 TRM, Change No. 80.

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