

## General

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### 1.0 GENERAL

The TRICARE Dual Eligible Fiscal Intermediary Contract (TDEFIC) encompasses the processing all TRICARE claims for services rendered within the 50 United States and the District of Columbia, as well as Puerto Rico, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, American Samoa and the Northern Mariana Islands, to individuals who have dual eligibility under both TRICARE and Medicare.

### 2.0 DUAL ELIGIBLE BENEFICIARIES

There are five general categories of beneficiaries who have dual eligibility under both TRICARE and Medicare and whose claims will be processed under TDEFIC:

**2.1** TRICARE beneficiaries, who have earned Medicare (Part A) eligibility and have attained age 65, and who have maintained their continued TRICARE eligibility by enrolling in Medicare Part B;

**2.2** TRICARE beneficiaries who did not earn Medicare Part A, but who have purchased Medicare Part B;

**2.3** Family members of Active Duty Service Members (ADSMs) who have earned Medicare eligibility upon attaining age 65 and who have continued TRICARE eligibility by virtue of their relationship to the service member;

**2.4** Other TRICARE eligible individuals who also have Medicare eligibility because of disability, End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD), or other conditions determined by Medicare, and who have maintained their continued TRICARE eligibility by enrolling in Medicare Part B; and

**2.5** Family members of ADSMs who have Medicare eligibility because of disability, ESRD, or other conditions determined by Medicare, and who have continued TRICARE eligibility by virtue of their relationship to the service member.

### 3.0 APPLICABILITY OF TRICARE REQUIREMENTS

Unless specifically waived or superseded by the provisions of this chapter, all normal TRICARE requirements set forth in the TRICARE Operations Manual (TOM), TRICARE Policy Manual (TPM), TRICARE Reimbursement Manual (TRM), and TRICARE Systems Manual (TSM) apply to claims processed under TDEFIC.

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