

## Chapter 11

## Section 1.1

### Providers - General

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#### 1.0 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](#).)

#### 1.1 Institutional Providers

Categories of institutional providers include:

- Hospitals, acute care, general and special.
- Organ transplantation centers.
- Organ transplant consortia.
- Hospitals, psychiatric.
- Hospitals, long-term (tuberculosis, chronic care, or rehabilitation).
- Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNFs).
- Residential Treatment Centers (RTCs).
- Christian Science sanatoriums.
- Infirmaries.
- Other special institutional providers.
- Freestanding Ambulatory Surgical Centers (ASCs).
- Birthing centers.
- Psychiatric Partial Hospitalization Programs (PHPs).
- Hospice programs.
- Substance Use Disorder Rehabilitation Facilities (SUDRFs).

#### 1.2 Individual Professional Providers

Types of professional providers include:

##### 1.2.1 Physicians

- Doctors of Medicine (M.D.)
- Doctors of Osteopathy (D.O.)

##### 1.2.2 Dentists

### **1.2.3 Other Allied Health Professionals**

- Clinical psychologist.
- Doctors of Optometry.
- Doctors of Podiatry or Surgical Chiropody.
- Certified nurse midwives.
- Certified Nurse Practitioners (NPs).
- Certified Clinical Social Worker (CSW).
- Certified Psychiatric Nurse Specialist (CPNS).
- Certified Physician Assistants (PAs).
- Anesthesiologist Assistant
- Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist
- Other individual paramedical providers.
  - Licensed Registered Nurses (RNs).
  - Licensed registered Physical Therapists (PTs) and Occupational Therapists (OTs).
  - Audiologists.
  - Speech therapists (speech pathologists).

### **1.2.4 Extramedical Individual Providers**

- Certified marriage and family therapists.
- Pastoral counselors.
- Mental health counselor.
- Christian Science practitioners and Christian Science nurses.

### **1.3 Other Providers**

Categories include:

- Independent laboratory.
- Suppliers of portable x-ray services.
- Pharmacies.
- Ambulance companies.
- Medical equipment firms, medical supply firms.
- Mammography suppliers.

### **1.4 Extended Care Health Option (ECHO) Providers**

Categories include:

- ECHO inpatient care provider.
- ECHO outpatient care provider.
- ECHO durable equipment vendor.

### **1.5 Corporate Services Providers**

### **1.6 Medicare-certified Home Health Agencies (HHAs)**

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