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LICENSURE OF MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS IN TRICARE PROGRAM**

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SUMMARY OF CHANGE(S): This change establishes a transition period during which the entities are expanded that accredit education for authorizing TRICARE Certified Mental Health Counselors. These entities or "covered institutions" are listed along with other criteria for authorization. Further, clarification is provided regarding mental health counseling services and Licensed Psychological Associates (LPAs) who meet requirements for Supervised Mental Health Counselors (SMHCs) under 32 CFR 199.6 (c)(3)(iv)(C). Clarification is provided for referral and supervision of SMHCs.

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