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Foreword

Revision:

The TRICARE Policy Manual (TPM) 6010.60-M, in conjunction with the TRICARE Reimbursement Manual (TRM), 6010.61-M, contains operational policy necessary to efficiently implement the Code of Federal Regulations at 32 CFR 199. This manual augments the 32 CFR 199 and must be used in conjunction for complete policy information, providing guidance, policy interpretation and decisions implementing TRICARE, including those policies and procedures applicable to the TRICARE Health Plan.

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Definitions are available in the Apr 2015 TRICARE Operations Manual (TOM), Appendix A.

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