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**SUMMARY OF ADDITIONS/REVISIONS:** This change provides the FY 2003 updates to the 1) DRG rates, weights, wage indexes and cost-share per diem; 2) RTC per diem rates; 3) hospice rates and wage indexes; 4) inpatient mental health rates and cost-share; 5) partial hospitalization rates; 6) inpatient active duty dependent cost-share; and 7) ambulatory surgery rates. This change also updates variables to the DRG-based payment and clarifies certain requirements.

**EFFECTIVE DATE AND IMPLEMENTATION:** The Effective Date is October 1, 2002. The Effective Date for the Ambulatory Surgery Updates is November 1, 2002. The Implementation Date is upon direction of the Contracting Officer.

This change is made in conjunction with May 1999 ADP Manual, Change No. 29.

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