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B. Organization

1. In the Spring of 1985, the Director, TRICARE *Management Activity (TMA)* was charged with the responsibility for administering all medical care demonstrations for the Department of Defense. This Chapter of the Operations Manual is being issued to carry specific instructions regarding processing claims which are affected by demonstrations.

C. Restrictions on Scope of Benefits Furnished Under Demonstration Projects

1. Proposed new benefits provided under demonstration authority must receive *TMA* agency coordination in the same manner as any other proposed TRICARE benefit; and

2. Unless specific statutory demonstration authority provides otherwise, benefits may not be provided under a demonstration project that would otherwise be considered unproven under TRICARE *Standard*.

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