



# Department of Defense **DIRECTIVE**

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**SUBJECT:** Healthcare for Uniformed Services Members and Beneficiaries

**References:** See Enclosure 1

1. **PURPOSE.** This directive reissues DoD Directive (DoDD) 6010.04 (Reference (a)) to update established policy and assigned responsibilities for administering Title 10, United States Code (Reference (b)). It serves as the joint document for administration of healthcare benefits required pursuant to Reference (b), and is issued by the Departments of Defense, Homeland Security, and Health and Human Services.

2. **APPLICABILITY**

a. This directive applies to the OSD, the Military Departments (including the Coast Guard at all times, including when it is a Service in the Department of Homeland Security by agreement with that Department), the Office of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Joint Staff, the Combatant Commands, the Office of the Inspector General of the Department of Defense, the Defense Agencies, the DoD Field Activities, and all other organizational entities within the DoD (referred to collectively in this directive as the “DoD Components”).

b. This directive also applies, by agreement, with the Secretary of Health and Human Services, to the Commissioned Corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the Commissioned Corps of the Public Health Service pursuant to chapter 55 of Reference (b).

3. **POLICY.** It is DoD policy that:

a. The Secretary of Defense administers health care benefits for members, retirees, and dependents of the uniformed services pursuant to section 1073 of Reference (b).

b. Medical and dental treatment facilities are operated in accordance with applicable law, regulation, and policy.

c. The Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services (CHAMPUS)/TRICARE health care entitlements are provided consistent with the provisions of Title 32, Code of Federal Regulations (Reference (c)).

d. Determinations of eligibility are made and recorded in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System as outlined in DoD Instruction (DoDI) 1000.13 (Reference (d)).

e. Health care beneficiaries have access to military treatment facilities consistent with sections 1074(c), 1076, 1079, and 1086 of Reference (b) and other applicable laws and regulations.

(1) Priorities for access to health care are in accordance with the provisions of section 199.17 of Reference (c).

(2) Access to health care services in medical treatment facilities is subject to the availability of facilities and equipment and the capabilities of the staff.

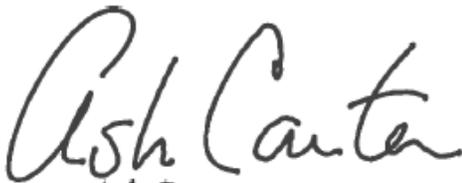
f. The DoD will make mutually beneficial healthcare resource sharing arrangements with the Department of Veterans Affairs in accordance with section 1104 of Reference (b).

g. The designated provider program involving DoD and certain former public health service hospitals is administered in accordance with sections 721-727 of Public Law 104-201 (Reference (e)).

4. RESPONSIBILITIES. See Enclosure 2.

5. RELEASABILITY. **Cleared for public release.** This directive is available on the Directives Division Website at <http://www.esd.whs.mil/DD/>.

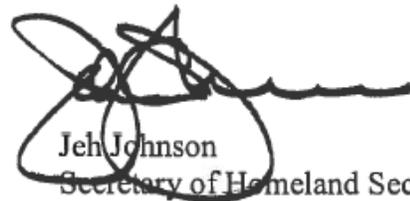
6. EFFECTIVE DATE. This directive is effective August 17, 2015.



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ENCLOSURE 1

REFERENCES

- (a) DoD Directive 6010.04, "Healthcare for Uniformed Services Members and Beneficiaries," March 15, 2007, as amended (hereby cancelled)
- (b) Title 10, United States Code
- (c) Part 199 of Title 32, Code of Federal Regulations
- (d) DoD Instruction 1000.13, "Identification (ID) Cards for Members of the Uniformed Services, Their Dependents, and Other Eligible Individuals," January 23, 2014, as amended
- (e) Sections 721-727 of Public Law 104-201, "The National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1997," September 23, 1996
- (f) DoD Directive 5136.01, "Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs (ASD(HA))," September 30, 2013, as amended
- (g) DoD Directive 5136.13, "Defense Health Agency (DHA)," September 30, 2013

ENCLOSURE 2

RESPONSIBILITIES

1. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR HEALTH AFFAIRS (ASD(HA)). Under the authority, direction, and control of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness (USD(P&R)), the ASD(HA):

a. Ensures the effective execution of the DoD medical mission, providing and maintaining readiness for medical services and support to members of the Military Services, including during military operations, their families, those held in the control of the Military Services, and others entitled to or eligible for DoD medical care and benefits, including those under TRICARE and other DoD health resources in accordance with DoDD 5136.01 (Reference (f)).

b. Approves submission of Reference (c) and its amendments, in consultation with the administering Secretaries.

c. Develops guidance to implement this directive in accordance with Reference (f).

d. In accordance with DoDD 5136.13 (Reference (g)), ensures the Director, Defense Health Agency:

(1) Manages the implementation of policy issued by the Secretary of Defense or the USD(P&R) for DoD medical and dental programs.

(2) Serves as the program manager for TRICARE health and medical resources, supervising and administering TRICARE programs, funding, and other resources within the DoD.

(3) Oversees the TRICARE Program in accordance with Reference (c), for the delivery of and payment for health care services from civilian sources for eligible health care beneficiaries.

(4) Operates military treatment facilities in the National Capital Region under its purview in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

2. SECRETARIES OF THE MILITARY DEPARTMENTS. The Secretaries of the Military Departments:

a. Except for National Capital Region military treatment facilities operated by DHA, operate military treatment facilities, make eligibility determinations, and administer policies that provide uniformed services members and eligible beneficiaries access to DoD medical and dental programs.

b. Ensure eligibility determinations are recorded in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System as outlined in Reference (d).

3. SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY. The Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security:

a. Provides medical and dental care to entitled uniformed services personnel (as described in paragraphs 2a and 2b above the signature of this directive) and administers policy that provides uniformed services beneficiaries access to the DoD medical and dental programs.

b. Determines eligibility of U. S. Coast Guard beneficiaries (as described in paragraphs 2a and 2b above the signature of this directive) and ensures eligibility determinations are recorded in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System as outlined in Reference (d).

4. SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. The Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services with respect to the Commissioned Corps of the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration and the Commissioned Corps of the Public Health Service:

a. Administers policy that provides entitled uniformed services beneficiaries (as described in paragraphs 2a and 2b above the signature of this directive) access to DoD medical and dental programs.

b. Determines eligibility of uniformed services beneficiaries (as described in paragraphs 2a and 2b above the signature of this directive) and ensures eligibility determinations are recorded in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System as outlined in Reference (d).

GLOSSARY

PART I. ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

ASD(HA) Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs

CHAMPUS Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services

DoDD DoD Directive

DoDI DoD Instruction

USD(P&R) Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness

PART II. DEFINITIONS

These terms and their definitions are for the purpose of this directive.

CHAMPUS. The civilian sector health care program operated pursuant to Reference (c).

health care beneficiary. Members of the uniformed services and other individuals as and to the extent provided in sections 1074 (c), 1076, 1079 and 1086 of Reference (b).

TRICARE. The medical and dental programs provided to DoD beneficiaries as defined in Reference (c).