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## Foreword

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The TRICARE Systems Manual (TSM), 7950.3-M, defines the contractor's responsibilities for automated processing of health care information, reporting and transmission of relevant data between the contractor and the Defense Health Agency (DHA). The manual provides the requirements for the contractors to interface with the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) for obtaining beneficiary eligibility verifications from DEERS and performing TRICARE Prime enrollments onto DEERS, as well as TRICARE Encounter Data reporting requirements.

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

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