

CHAPTER 13
SECTION 6.11

HOSPITAL REIMBURSEMENT - TRICARE/CHAMPUS DRG-BASED PAYMENT SYSTEM (INFORMATION PROVIDED BY TMA)

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I. ISSUE

What information will be provided by TMA concerning the TRICARE/CHAMPUS DRG-based payment system?

II. POLICY

A. Information provided by TMA. The following specific data, which is necessary to determine the payment amount under the TRICARE/CHAMPUS DRG-based payment system, will be provided to the contractors by TMA. Updates to these data will be provided during September of each year.

1. DRG weighting factors.
2. Adjusted standardized amounts (urban and rural), including the labor-related and nonlabor-related portions.
3. Area wage indexes.
4. Outlier cutoffs for each DRG.
5. Children's hospital outlier cutoffs.
6. Geometric mean length-of-stay for each DRG.
7. Per diem cost-share for beneficiaries other than dependents of active duty members.
8. Children's hospital differentials (national and hospital-specific).
9. The most current Medicare list of sole community hospitals.
10. The ratio of interns and residents to beds for those hospitals subject to the Medicare PPS, as listed in HCFA's most recently available Provider Specific File.

B. TMA will provide the contractors with corrected wage indexes when applicable.

C. **Addendums.** The addendums to this chapter lists these data.

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