

Double Coverage

III. COORDINATION OF BENEFITS

A. Disputes Over Primary Payor Status

The contractor shall attempt to resolve any disputes over primary payor status with the double coverage plan. The contractor should call the double coverage plan and explain that under Federal Law, Title 10, U.S.C., Chapter 55, Section 1079, TRICARE is always second pay, except to Medicaid. In no case should the contractor compromise that position without direction from the TRICARE Management Activity (TMA).

B. Computation of TRICARE Payment

1. General

In double coverage situations, the TRICARE contractor will pay the lower of:

a. The amount remaining after the double coverage plan has paid its benefits; or

b. The amount TRICARE would have paid as primary payor.

