

## ORGANIZATION OF THE TRICARE MANAGEMENT ACTIVITY (TMA)

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Chapter 55, Title 10, of the United States Code, provides that the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall jointly prescribe regulations for the administration of TRICARE. Department of Defense Directive 5136.12 (The TMA Charter) established TMA as a field activity under the policy guidance and direction of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs). It is the mission of TMA to manage a civilian health benefits program for Uniformed Service beneficiaries.

