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## TRANSITIONAL ASSISTANCE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (TAMP)

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### I. DESCRIPTION

The Transitional Assistance Management Program (TAMP) established full TRICARE eligibility for a new category of beneficiaries: reservists who served in connection with Contingency Operations (such as Operation Desert Storm and Operation Joint Endeavor) and their family members, and for service members involuntarily separated from active duty and their family members. The sponsors and their family members are eligible for continued TRICARE benefits including enrollment/re-enrollment in TRICARE Prime services and supplies provided under the Program for Persons with Disabilities, and MTF care, for a defined period of time as indicated on DEERS. While the status of these individuals is neither active duty nor retiree/deceased, for the purpose of cost-sharing, the claims from these individuals shall be processed the same as those for family members of active duty members.

### II. POLICY

Members and their authorized dependents meeting the criteria for transitional benefits listed below, are entitled to medical benefits under TRICARE to the same extent as those available to active duty dependents. Managed Care Support Contractors are responsible for determining DEERS eligibility status. Once jurisdictional responsibility is established, the contractor shall have the capability by using DEERS to identify these claims as TAMP and process them as active duty claims. Eligibility verification of Operation Desert Storm sponsors shall be based either on the DEERS response or a Leave and Earnings Statement indicating Desert Storm involvement. Eligibility verification of an active duty member who was separated involuntarily shall be based solely on the DEERS response. For those claims that are submitted for medical services rendered to the sponsor and if the contractor can identify the claim as meeting the transitional eligibility requirements, the contractor shall process the claim. Otherwise the sponsor claims indicating status as "active duty" and relationship as "self" shall continue to be transferred to the military services. Claims are to be cost-shared by the contractor as active duty dependents.

A. Members (and their dependents) eligible for TAMP in connection with Operation Desert Storm.

#### 1. Covered Groups

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- a. Members of a reserve component of the Armed Forces who were called to active duty in connection with Operation Desert Storm.
- b. Active duty service members who were involuntarily retained in connection with Operation Desert Storm.
- c. Active duty service members who voluntarily agreed to remain on active duty for a period of less than one year in connection with Operation Desert Storm.
- d. Active duty members who accepted Voluntary Separation Incentives (VSI).

2. Time Frames for Eligibility.

- a. Eligible upon release from active duty in connection with Desert Storm until the earlier of;
  - (1) Thirty days after the release of the member from active duty; or
  - (2) The date on which the member and the dependents of the member are covered by a health plan sponsored by an employer.

3. The earliest effective date of eligibility for this category of beneficiaries is April 6, 1991.

B. TAMP for Active Duty Members who are Involuntarily Separated.

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- a. Members (and their dependents) with less than six years of active service are eligible for 60 days from date of involuntary separation.
- b. Members (and their dependents) with six or more years of active service are eligible for 120 days from the date of involuntary separation.

2. Time Frames for Eligibility. The time span for this program is through October 1, 2001.

III. POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

A. Change in eligibility status of a beneficiary during an inpatient hospital stay. See the TRICARE Reimbursement Manual, [Chapter 6, Section 2](#).

B. In cases involving the existence of other health insurance for dependents and/or sponsors, treat as double coverage as required by TRICARE Reimbursement Manual, [Chapter 4, Section 1](#).

C. Eligibility determinations for coverage must be based on DEERS determinations.

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D. The Continued Health Care Benefit Program (CHCBP) may be available to members (and their dependents) after the expiration of TAMP entitlement if their TAMP eligibility expired after August 2, 1994.

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