

PAYMENT POLICY

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I. POLICY

A. With the exception of Puerto Rico and prescribed drugs, reimbursement of all TOP beneficiary claims for overseas health care shall be based upon the billed charges.

EXCEPTION: Payment of skilled nursing facility (SNF) claims from Puerto Rico and the Territories (Guam, the Virgin Islands, and American Samoa) shall be subject to SNF Prospective Payment System. These SNFs will be subject to the same rules as applied to SNFs in the U.S.D. (see the TRICARE Reimbursement Manual, [Chapter 8, Section 2](#)).

B. Balance billing provisions do not apply to TOP beneficiary claims for TOP overseas health care paid as billed.

C. For health care rendered in Puerto Rico and in the U.S., reimbursement of all TOP beneficiary care shall follow the TRICARE payment policies.

D. Non-assigned TOP ADSM claims for stateside care shall be paid as billed, even if the billed charge is beyond the CHAMPUS Maximum Allowable Charge when necessary to ensure the ADSM does not receive a bill or outstanding charge. This does not apply to ADFM claims for care in the states. ADFM stateside care shall be reimbursed as outlined in [paragraph I.C.](#)

E. Overseas drug claims shall be paid following the guidelines outlined in the TRICARE Reimbursement Manual, [Chapter 1, Section 15](#), and [Chapter 12, Section 11.1](#), TOP Prime and Standard cost share for pharmacy services are as outlined in [Chapter 12, Section 2.1](#).

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