

## TRANSITIONAL ASSISTANCE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (TAMP)

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### I. DESCRIPTION

The Transitional Assistance Management Program (TAMP) **establishes** full TRICARE eligibility for **the four eligible groups mentioned below**. 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. **That is, the rules and regulations applicable to active duty (including cost-shares and copays) shall apply to those receiving TAMP benefits.**

### 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 sponsors shall be based either on the DEERS response or a Leave and Earnings Statement indicating involvement **with a contingency operation**. 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. **Eligible Groups.** Members (and their dependents) eligible for TAMP **include:**

- 1. A member who is involuntarily separated from active duty.**
- 2. A member of a reserve component who is separated from active duty to which called or ordered in support of a contingency operation if the active duty is active duty for a period of more than 30 days.**

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3. A member who is separated from active duty for which the member is involuntarily retained under 10 U.S.C. section 12305 in support of a contingency operation.

4. A member who is separated from active duty served pursuant to a voluntary agreement of the member to remain on active duty for a period of less than one year in support of a contingency operation.

B. Time Frames for Eligibility.

1. Members separated with less than six years of total active federal military service shall receive 60 days of transitional health care coverage.

2. Members separated with six or more years of total active federal military service receive 120 days of transitional health care coverage.

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.

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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