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**NOTE:** The Central Deductible and Catastrophic Cap File (CDCF) is being relocated to DEERS and will be named the DEERS Catastrophic Cap and Deductible Database (CCDD).

**1.0.** The DEERS CCDD provides the central mechanism by which contractors shall determine the status of deductible and catastrophic cap amounts for TRICARE beneficiaries. The CCDD's purpose is to maintain and provide accurate and current data about individual and family deductible and catastrophic limits. It supports both batch and on-line inquiries and updates from contractor CICS regions through LU6.2 formatted transactions. TRICARE Europe claims and complete denials are excluded; all other claims are included if either deductible or catastrophic cap is involved.

**NOTE:** Upon request, TMA will provide the source code for the current direct access CICS application for inquiry and update through LU6.2 transactions to the Prime Contractor. If a contractor uses the application it must be modified to replace the "OL" code with the applicable 2-digit contractor number (e.g., 06, 11, 25, etc.) for each transaction exchanged with the CCDD. The contractor must also make whatever modifications are necessary to interface with the CCDD instead of the current CDCF. Contractors will use existing lines to connect with the CCDD. No new communication devices or lines will be necessary. Contractors will be provided with the technical information necessary to interface with the DEERS CCDD (i.e., electronic address). Contractors have complete responsibility for the integration, modification, implementation and maintenance of the direct access application should they choose to use it. The government will not assume any responsibility for any aspect of the direct access CICS application including integrating it into a contractor's system, modifying it, implementing it or maintaining it. The government is providing the source code to help expedite contractor development of the current online capabilities should they wish to have them.

**1.1.** The CCDD establishes and maintains a record showing the amounts applied to the deductible and the catastrophic cap for the present fiscal year and each of the two preceding fiscal years. The catastrophic cap and deductible record for the individual is established each fiscal year (FY) from the first query received. A total of three years of data is maintained on-line. An additional four years of data will be maintained off-line.

**1.2.** The CCDD receives and answers on-line and batch queries from contractors about current deductible and catastrophic cap status for all TRICARE beneficiaries, excluding TRICARE Europe claims. Queries may be claims related queries or customer service queries.

**1.3.** The CCDD will apply edits to ensure the accuracy of the data.

**1.4.** The CCDD receives update query records from all contractors and updates the CCDD records.

**1.5.** The CCDD maintains a history of all update transactions from the contractors.

**1.6.** The CCDD provides data from the transaction history records as needed by contractors to resolve claims issues or customer service requests.

**1.6.1.** The year-to-date totals (beneficiary deductible met, family deductible met, family cap met, and beneficiary cap met fields) on records reported in response to requests for data covering one or three fiscal years, will be zero filled except for the last record which will contain the year-to-date total for the time period requested.

**1.6.2.** For history requests in which an individual claim number and HCSR suffix are stipulated, the year-to-date totals (beneficiary deductible met, family deductible met, family cap met and beneficiary cap met fields) will contain the year-to-date totals as of the date of the history request and not the date of the claim's CCDD transaction.

**1.6.3.** For history requests in which an individual claim number is stipulated without a HCSR suffix, the year-to-date totals (beneficiary deductible met, family deductible met, family cap met and beneficiary cap met fields) will contain the year-to-date total as of the date of the inquiry not the date of the claim's CCDD transaction if there is one record returned. If there is more than one record returned, the fields will be zero filled except for the last record which will contain the year-to-date totals as of the date of the history request and not the date of the claim's CCDD transaction.

**2.0.** See OPM, Chapter 8, Section 8 for requirements on application of deductible and cost sharing.

**3.0.** The contractor shall update the CCDD as part of their claims processing operations. After initially querying the CCDD to determine the current deductible and catastrophic cap amounts, the contractor shall process the claim, and determine new deductible and catastrophic cap amounts. The amounts to be added are then sent to the CCDD for posting. To avoid conflict between multiple claims, the initial query by a contractor sets a lockout for 48 hours which precludes another contractor from accessing the associated family's records or the same contractor from updating the associated family's records using a different claim number. Once the record has been updated, the lockout is optionally removed.