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1.0. GENERAL

The TRICARE Dual Eligible Fiscal Intermediary Contract (TDEFIC) encompasses the processing all TRICARE claims for services rendered within the fifty United States and the District of Columbia, as well as Puerto Rico, Guam, the United States Virgin Islands, American Samoa and the Northern Mariana Islands, to individuals who have dual eligibility under both TRICARE and Medicare. *The TDEFIC contractor shall process all such "dual eligible" claims, received on or after the starting date for TDEFIC claims processing established for each respective TRICARE region, regardless of the date of the services being claimed. As an exception to this general rule, the outgoing contractor shall process all claims for services rendered by network providers, where the outgoing contractor's network provider agreement specifically mandated that they would process the timely claims of the network provider for certain service dates.*

2.0. DUAL ELIGIBLE BENEFICIARIES

There are three general categories of beneficiaries who have dual eligibility under both TRICARE and Medicare and whose claims will be processed under TDEFIC:

- 2.1. TRICARE For Life beneficiaries, who have Medicare eligibility by virtue of having attained age 65, and who have maintained their continued TRICARE eligibility by enrolling in Medicare Part B,
- 2.2. Family members of active duty service members who have Medicare eligibility by virtue of having attained age 65 and who have continued TRICARE eligibility by virtue of their relationship to the service member, and
- 2.3. Other TRICARE eligible individuals (both retirees and family members, when the service member is not on active duty) who also have Medicare eligibility because of disability or end stage renal disease.

3.0. APPLICABILITY OF TRICARE REQUIREMENTS

Unless specifically waived or superseded by the provisions of this chapter, all normal TRICARE requirements set forth in the TRICARE Operations Manual, Policy Manual, Reimbursement Manual and Systems Manual apply to claims processed under TDEFIC.

