

FINANCING ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES (CLAIM RATE)

1.0. PAYMENT

To receive consideration for claim rate payments, the contractor shall submit vouchers under "Header Type 6" as specified in the TRICARE Systems Manual (*TSM*), Chapter 2, Section 2.3. The contractor shall be paid for payment record claims at the claim count methodology and rates set forth in the contract, upon acceptance or provisional acceptance (as defined by the TRICARE Systems Manual) of the payment records by the TED record edit system. Payment will be made within 30 calendar days after TMA receives and accepts or provisionally accepts a TED voucher submission. Payment does not constitute final acceptance of services. If claims are adjusted and no longer qualify for a claim rate, or are discovered to be invalid, or the claim rate is contractually changed (definitized) later, these payments will be adjusted accordingly.

2.0. METHOD OF CLAIM COUNT

The administrative claim count for payment purposes is one claim rate payment per TED record, *except an additional claim rate will be allowed for each interim institutional billing in accordance with TSM, Chapter 2, Section 1.1, paragraph 7.0.* The number of TEDs approved for claim rate payment is determined with each voucher submission.

3.0. DETERMINATION OF CLAIM PRICE

Payment of administrative expenses will be made on the basis of the claim rate in effect for the contract period in which the contractor originally processed the claim. The Batch/Voucher date in the voucher header will be used to determine the applicable rate.

