

PROVIDERS - GENERAL

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I. POLICY

TRICARE benefits may be allowed for the following authorized providers: (For information on authorized providers refer to [32 CFR 199.2](#) and [32 CFR 199.6](#).)

A. Institutional providers. Categories of institutional providers include:

1. Hospitals, acute care, general and special.
2. Organ transplantation centers.
3. Hospitals, psychiatric.
4. Hospitals, long-term (tuberculosis, chronic care, or rehabilitation).
5. Skilled nursing facility.
6. Residential treatment centers.
7. Christian Science sanatoriums.
8. Infirmaries.
9. Other special institutional providers.
10. Free-standing ambulatory surgical centers.
11. Birthing centers.
12. Psychiatric partial hospitalization programs.
13. Hospice programs.
14. Substance use disorder facilities.

- B. Individual Professional Providers. Types of professional providers include:
1. Physicians.
 - a. Doctors of Medicine (M.D.)
 - b. Doctors of Osteopathy (D.O.)
 2. Dentists.
 3. Other allied health professionals.
 - a. Clinical psychologist.
 - b. Doctors of Optometry.
 - c. Doctors of Podiatry or Surgical Chiropractic.
 - d. Certified nurse midwives.
 - e. Certified nurse practitioner.
 - f. Certified clinical social worker.
 - g. Certified psychiatric nurse specialist.
 - h. Certified physician assistant.
 - i. Other individual paramedical providers.
 - (1) Licensed registered nurses.
 - (2) Licensed registered physical therapists and occupational therapists.
 - (3) Audiologists.
 - (4) Speech therapists (speech pathologists).
 4. Extramedical individual providers.
 - a. Certified marriage and family therapists.
 - b. Pastoral counselors.
 - c. Mental health counselor.
 - d. Christian Science practitioners and Christian Science nurses.

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- C. Other providers. Categories include:
1. Independent laboratory.
 2. Suppliers of portable x-ray services.
 3. Pharmacies.
 4. Ambulance companies.
 5. Medical equipment firms, medical supply firms.
 6. Mammography suppliers.
- D. **Extended Care Health Option (ECHO)** Providers. Categories include:
1. **ECHO** inpatient care provider.
 2. **ECHO** outpatient care provider.
 3. **ECHO durable equipment** vendor.
- E. Corporate Services Providers.
- F. **Medicare-certified Home Health Agencies.**

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