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FOREWORD

This Manual provides guidance, policy interpretation and decisions implementing TRICARE, including those policies and procedures applicable to the Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services (CHAMPUS). TRICARE Reimbursement Manual 6010.53-M, March 15, 2002 is still in effect for the current contracts and until those contracts expire.

The policies and procedures described, herein, apply to the TRICARE/CHAMPUS Program and each TRICARE/CHAMPUS contractor administering and processing medical claims.

Each TRICARE/CHAMPUS contractor shall implement and be guided by this Manual if so directed by the Contracting Officer. TRICARE/CHAMPUS contractors that have contracts referencing other instructions will continue to use those instructions referenced in their contracts.

Unless otherwise directed, TRICARE/CHAMPUS contractors processing claims for services received in foreign countries shall use the Manual for guidance.

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