

RESOURCE SHARING

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I. DESCRIPTION

Resource Sharing is established to allow individual Military Treatment Facility (MTF) Commanders to use medical personnel, equipment, supplies, or cash payments for marginal costs incurred by the MTF under a project provided by the Managed Care Support (MCS) contractor for the purpose of enhancing the capabilities of MTFs to provide needed inpatient and outpatient care to Military Health System (MHS) patients. Under Resource Sharing, the sharing agreement has to be mutually beneficial to the MTF and the MCS contractor and both parties have to agree in writing to the agreement.

II. POLICY

A. Resource Sharing agreements shall not be implemented until the agreement between the MCS Contractor and the MTF is approved by the Regional Director. **For further guidance reference the TRICARE Operations Manual, Chapter 16, Section 2.**

B. The Regional Director/MTF Commander and the MCS contractor may enter into either Internal or External Resource Sharing Agreements.

C. The MCS Contractor is responsible for credentialing and certifying the health professionals who will be working under the Resource Sharing Program. These health professionals shall not be permitted to work in the MTF until the Hospital Commander has granted them privileges to do so.

D. Notwithstanding the above, resource sharing personnel are under the supervision and responsibility of the contractor, not the government. These personnel must carry their own liability protection.

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