

Chapter 9

Section 16.1

Cost-Share Liability

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1.0 POLICY

1.1 Extended Care Health Option (ECHO) allowable amounts are not subject to a deductible amount.

1.2 The sponsor/beneficiary ECHO cost-share for every month in which ECHO benefits, including the ECHO Home Health Care (EHHC) benefits, are received is according to the sponsor's pay grade as specified below, regardless of the number of dependents of that same sponsor receiving ECHO benefits in that month:

ECHO COST-SHARE AMOUNTS	
SPONSOR PAY GRADE CODE	SPONSOR COST-SHARE AMOUNT
E-1 through E-5	\$25
E-6	30
E-7 and O-1	35
E-8 and O-2	40
E-9, WO/WO-1, CWO-2, and O-3	45
CWO-3, CWO-4, and O-4	50
CWO-5, O-5	65
O-6	75
O-7	100
O-8	150
O-9	200
O-10	250

1.3 The sponsor/beneficiary is responsible for the appropriate amount shown in the above table plus any amount in excess of the government's maximum monthly coverage for any benefits received in a month, including the 90 day period the beneficiary is given "provisional" status.

1.4 The requirement for sponsor/beneficiary cost-sharing applies every month during which a prorated amount for durable equipment is authorized.

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1.5 The sponsor/beneficiary cost-shares under the ECHO are in addition to those incurred for services and items received through the TRICARE Prime, Extra, and Standard options.

1.6 The sponsor/beneficiary cost-shares under the ECHO do not accrue to meeting the catastrophic cap in the TRICARE Basic Program.

1.7 The sponsor/beneficiary cost-shares in the above table that are applicable for ECHO benefits, other than EHC services, do not accrue to the EHC fiscal year benefit cap.

1.8 The government's maximum monthly cost-share for ECHO benefits, except the EHC benefit, is \$2,500 per month per beneficiary, regardless of the number of dependents of that same sponsor receiving ECHO benefits in that month.

1.9 The government's maximum annual cost-share for the EHC benefit is as calculated in [Section 15.1](#).

2.0 EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2005.

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