

## COST-SHARE LIABILITY

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### I. POLICY

A. ECHO allowable amounts are not subject to a deductible amount.

B. 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

C. 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 **or fiscal year** coverage for any benefits received in a month **or fiscal year**, including the 90 day period the beneficiary is given "provisional" status.

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

E. 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.

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

G. 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.

H. The government's maximum monthly **or fiscal year** cost-share for ECHO benefits **applies to each** beneficiary, regardless of the number of dependents **with the** same sponsor receiving ECHO benefits in that month **or fiscal year**.

I. The allowed cost of all services provided by this chapter, except the EHC, on or after October 14, 2008 accrue to the government's maximum fiscal year cost-share of \$36,000. Additionally, the allowed cost of services provided by Sections 6.1, 7.1 (except rehabilitation), 12.1, 13.1, and 14.1, remain subject to the government's maximum accrued monthly cost-share of \$2,500. The accrued amount from these sections must also be applied against the government's annual fiscal year maximum of \$36,000.

J. The government's maximum annual cost-share for the EHC benefit is as calculated in Section 15.1.

II. EFFECTIVE DATE            September 1, 2005.

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