

Chapter 10

Section 6.1

TRICARE For Life (TFL)

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1.0 DESCRIPTION

Medicare eligibles who are beneficiaries based on age and whose TRICARE eligibility is determined by 10 United States Code (USC) Section 1086, are eligible for Medicare Part A, and who are enrolled in Medicare Part B, are eligible for the TRICARE For Life (TFL) benefit. **Beneficiaries under age 65 who are also Medicare eligible, are also eligible for TFL (see the TRICARE Operations Manual (TOM), Chapter 20, Section 1, paragraphs 2.4 and 2.5).**

2.0 POLICY

2.1 Introduction

Section 712 extends TRICARE eligibility to persons who would otherwise have lost their TRICARE eligibility due to attainment of entitlement to hospital insurance benefits under Part A of Medicare based on age. In order for these individuals to retain their TRICARE eligibility, they must be enrolled in Part B of Medicare. In general, adjunctive dental care provided to these individuals for which payment may be made under both Medicare and TRICARE, Medicare is the primary payer and TRICARE will normally pay the actual out-of-pocket costs incurred by the person.

2.2 Eligibility

The contractors shall determine from the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) if the individual is eligible for TFL. TFL claims are processed in accordance with TRICARE Operations Manual (TOM), [Chapter 20](#).

2.3 Under certain conditions TFL beneficiaries may enroll in TRICARE Prime (see the TOM, Chapter 6, Section 1, paragraph 4.4).

2.4 Appeal rights are covered in the TOM, [Chapter 12](#).

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