

Chapter 11

Section 1.1

Providers - General

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1.0 POLICY

TRICARE benefits may be allowed for the following authorized providers: (For information on authorized providers refer to [32 CFR 199.2](#) and [32 CFR 199.6](#).)

1.1 Institutional Providers

Categories of institutional providers include:

- Hospitals, acute care, general and special.
- Organ transplantation centers.
- Organ transplant consortia.
- Hospitals, psychiatric.
- Hospitals, long-term (tuberculosis, chronic care, or rehabilitation).
- Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNFs).
- Residential Treatment Centers (RTCs).
- Christian Science sanatoriums.
- Infirmaries.
- Other special institutional providers.
- Freestanding Ambulatory Surgical Centers (ASCs).
- Birthing centers.
- Psychiatric Partial Hospitalization Programs (PHPs).
- Hospice programs.
- Substance Use Disorder Rehabilitation Facilities (SUDRFs).

1.2 Individual Professional Providers

Types of professional providers include:

1.2.1 Physicians

- Doctors of Medicine (M.D.)
- Doctors of Osteopathy (D.O.)

1.2.2 Dentists

1.2.3 Other Allied Health Professionals

- Clinical psychologist.
- Doctors of Optometry.
- Doctors of Podiatry or Surgical Chiropody.
- Certified Nurse Midwives (CNMs).
- Certified Nurse Practitioners (NPs).
- Certified Clinical Social Worker (CSW).
- Certified Psychiatric Nurse Specialist (CPNS).
- Certified Physician Assistants (PAs).
- Anesthesiologist Assistant (AA).
- Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA).
- Other individual paramedical providers.
 - Licensed Registered Nurses (RNs).
 - Licensed registered Physical Therapists (PTs) and Occupational Therapists (OTs).
 - Audiologists.
 - Speech therapists (speech pathologists).
- Registered Dietitian (RD).
- Nutritionist.
- **TRICARE Certified Mental Health Counselor (TCMHC).**

1.2.4 Extramedical Individual Providers

- Certified marriage and family therapists.
- Pastoral counselors.
- **Supervised Mental Health Counselor (SMHC).**
- Christian Science practitioners and Christian Science nurses.

1.3 Other Providers

Categories include:

- Independent laboratory.
- Suppliers of portable x-ray services.
- Pharmacies.
- Ambulance companies.
- Medical equipment firms, medical supply firms.
- Mammography suppliers.

1.4 Extended Care Health Option (ECHO) Providers

Categories include:

- ECHO inpatient care provider.
- ECHO outpatient care provider.
- ECHO durable equipment vendor.

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1.5 Corporate Services Providers

1.6 Medicare-certified Home Health Agencies (HHAs)

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