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## **Foreword**

This TRICARE Policy Manual (TPM), 6010.57-M, in conjunction with the TRICARE Reimbursement Manual (TRM), 6010-58-M, contains operational policy necessary to efficiently implement the Code of Federal Regulations at 32 CFR 199. This manual augments the 32 CFR 199 and must be used in conjunction for complete policy information.

This manual, provides guidance, policy interpretation and decisions implementing TRICARE, including those policies and procedures applicable to the Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services (CHAMPUS).

The Department of Defense (DoD) has a License Agreement with the American Medical Association (AMA) regarding the use of the **Physician's Current Procedural Terminology (CPT)**, a coding work of medical nomenclature developed by the AMA. In accordance with the terms of that Agreement, the DoD has agreed to:

1. Specifically identify procedure codes as CPT procedure codes,
2. Use only short descriptions with CPT codes and delete all long descriptions, and
3. Italicize short descriptions wherever they are used and include a footnote stipulating that they are excerpted from the CPT.



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