

## Part 199.6

### TRICARE-Authorized Providers

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**(a) General.**

- (1) Listing of provider does not guarantee payment of benefits.
- (2) Outside the United States or emergency situations within the United States.
- (3) Dual Compensation/Conflict of Interest.
- (4) [Reserved]
- (5) Utilization review and quality assurance.
- (6) Exclusion of beneficiary liability.
- (7) Provider required.
- (8) Participating providers.
  - (i) Mandatory participation.
  - (ii) Voluntary participation--
    - (A) Total claims participation: The participating provider program.
    - (B) Claim-specific participation.
  - (iii) Claim-by-claim participation.
- (9) Limitation to authorized institutional provider designation.
- (10) Authorized provider.
- (11) Balance billing limits.
  - (i) In general.
  - (ii) Waiver.
  - (iii) Compliance.
- (12) Medical records.
- (13) Participation agreements.
- (14) Implementing instructions.
- (15) Exclusion.

**(b) Institutional providers--**

- (1) General.
  - (i) Preauthorization.
  - (ii) Billing practices.
- (2) Nondiscrimination policy.
  - (i) Emergency care.
  - (ii) Care rendered before finding of a violation.
  - (iii) Other facility not available.
- (3) Procedures for qualifying as a CHAMPUS-approved institutional provider.
  - (i) JCAH accreditation status.
  - (ii) Required to comply with criteria.
  - (iii) Notice of peer review rights.
  - (iv) Surveying of facilities.
  - (v) Institutions not in compliance with CHAMPUS standards.

- (vi) Participation agreements required for some hospitals which are not Medicare-participating.
- (4) Categories of institutional providers.
  - (i) Hospitals, acute care, general and special.
  - (ii) Organ transplant centers.
  - (iii) Organ transplant consortia.
  - (iv) Hospitals, psychiatric.
  - (v) **Long Term Care Hospital (LTCH).**
  - (vi) Skilled nursing facility.
  - (vii) Residential treatment centers.
    - (A) Organization and administration--
    - (B) Participation agreement requirements.
    - (C) Other requirements applicable to RTCs.
  - (viii) Christian Science sanatoriums.
  - (ix) Infirmaries.
  - (x) Other special institution providers.
    - (A) General.
    - (B) Types of providers.
  - (xi) Birthing centers.
    - (A) Certification requirements.
    - (B) CHAMPUS birthing center standards.
  - (xii) Psychiatric and substance use disorder partial hospitalization programs.
    - (A) Organization and administration--
    - (B) Participation agreement requirements.
    - (C) Other requirements applicable to PHPs.
  - (xiii) Hospice programs.
  - (xiv) Substance use disorder rehabilitation facilities.
    - (A) Organization and administration--
    - (B) Participation agreement requirements.
    - (8) Designate an individual who will act as liaison for CHAMPUS inquiries. The SUDRF shall inform OCHAMPUS in writing of the designated individual;
    - (C) Other requirements applicable to substance use disorder rehabilitation facilities.
  - (xv) Home health agencies (HHAs).
  - (xvi) **Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs).**
  - (xvii) Sole community hospitals (SCHs).
  - (xviii) Intensive outpatient programs.
    - (A) Organization and administration--
    - (B) Participation agreement requirements.
    - (C) Other requirements applicable to Intensive Outpatient Programs (IOP).
  - (xix) Opioid Treatment Programs (OTPs).
    - (A) Organization and administration.
    - (B) Participation agreement requirements.
    - (C) Other requirements applicable to OTPs.
  - (xx) **Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility (IRF).**

**(c) Individual professional providers of care--**

- (1) General--
  - (i) Purpose.
  - (ii) Professional corporation affiliation or association membership permitted.

- (iii) Scope of practice limitation.
- (iv) Employee status exclusion.
- (v) Training status exclusion.
- (2) Conditions of authorization--
  - (i) Professional license requirement.
  - (ii) Professional certification requirement.
  - (iii) Education, training and experience requirement.
  - (iv) Physician referral and supervision.
- (3) Types of providers.
  - (i) Physicians.
    - (B) Doctors of Osteopathy (D.O.).
  - (ii) Dentists.
    - (A) Doctors of Dental Medicine (D.M.D.).
    - (B) Doctors of Dental Surgery (D.D.S.).
  - (iii) Other allied health professionals.
    - (A) Clinical psychologist.
    - (B) Doctors of Optometry.
    - (C) Doctors of Podiatry or Surgical Chiropody.
    - (D) Certified nurse midwives.
    - (E) Certified nurse practitioner.
    - (F) Certified Clinical Social Worker.
    - (G) Certified psychiatric nurse specialist.
    - (H) Certified physician assistant.
    - (I) Anesthesiologist Assistant.
    - (J) Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA).
    - (K) Other individual paramedical providers.
    - (L) Nutritionist.
    - (M) Registered dietician.
    - (N) TRICARE certified mental health counselor.
  - (iv) Extramedical individual providers.
    - (A) Certified marriage and family therapists.
    - (B) Pastoral counselors.
    - (C) Supervised mental health counselor.
    - (E) Christian Science practitioners and Christian Science nurses.

**(d) Other providers.**

- (1) Independent laboratory.
- (2) Suppliers of portable x-ray services.
- (3) Pharmacies.
- (4) Ambulance companies.
- (5) Medical equipment firms, medical supply firms, and Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetic, Orthotic, Supplies providers/suppliers.
- (6) Mammography suppliers.

**(e) Extended Care Health Option Providers.--**

- (1) General.
- (2) ECHO provider categories--
  - (i) ECHO inpatient care provider.
  - (ii) ECHO outpatient care provider.
  - (iii) ECHO vendor.

- (3) ECHO provider exclusion or suspension.

**(f) Corporate services providers--**

- (1) General.
- (2) Conditions of authorization.
- (3) Transfer of participation agreement.
- (4) Pricing and payment methodology:
- (5) Termination of participation agreement.