

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 Podiatric Medicine or Podiatrists.**
 - (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.