

## Eligibility - Qualifying Condition: Other

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### 1.0 POLICY

The following are also considered qualifying conditions for the Extended Care Health Option (ECHO):

**1.1** Extraordinary physical or psychological condition. This is defined as a complex physical or psychological clinical condition of such severity that it results in the beneficiary being homebound, as defined in [32 CFR 199.2](#). Such a condition will generally qualify the beneficiary for the ECHO Home Health Care (EHHC) benefit, subject to all other applicable program requirements.

**1.2** Infant/toddler. TRICARE beneficiaries under the age of three years who are diagnosed with a neuromuscular developmental condition or other condition that is expected to precede a diagnosis of moderate or severe mental retardation or a serious physical disability, are considered to have an ECHO qualifying condition.

**1.3** Multiple disabilities. The cumulative effect of disabilities involving two or more separate body systems, none of which are individually an ECHO qualifying condition, will be used to establish a qualifying condition in lieu of the qualifying conditions described herein and in [Sections 2.2](#) and [2.3](#).

### 2.0 EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2005.

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