

Chapter 15

Section 3

Clinical Support Agreement (CSA) Program

1.0 GENERAL

The CSA Program represents a requirement for the contractor to provide needed clinical personnel to the Military Treatment Facility (MTF) Commanders in those situations where the MTF Commander has determined that it is in the Government's interest to obtain clinical personnel through this program. The requesting organization is responsible for funding **all actions** issued under the CSA Program.

2.0 LIMITS

2.1 Resources available through the CSA Program are limited to individuals in the following categories:

- Personnel of the type set forth in [32 CFR 199.6\(c\)\(3\)](#) as an independent professional provider who meet the criteria contained in 32 CFR 199 and who also meet the credentialing requirements delineated in this chapter; or,
- Personnel who provide general clinical support, including but not limited to, nurses, x-ray technicians, laboratory technicians, pharmacists, etc.

2.2 Under the authority of 10 United States Code (USC) 1095 and 32 CFR 220.8, CSA providers shall not bill for any form of third party payment. The MTF participating in the CSA Program will bill for and retain all funds available from a third party.

2.3 No beneficiary receiving services from a CSA provider shall be charged a copayment, cost-share, and/or deductible.

2.4 No CSA Program costs shall be included as underwritten health care costs or supplemental health care costs.

2.5 CSAs for personnel obtained on a personal services basis must comply with DoD Instruction 6025.5, "Personal Services Contracts for Health Care Providers," January 6, 1995.

3.0 PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

3.1 Personnel

The contractor shall prepare and submit a detailed technical and cost proposal **within the time frame specified in the Government request**. No services shall be provided under this section until a formal **contract action is executed** by a **TRICARE Management Activity (TMA) Contracting Officer (CO)**.

3.1.1 Individual Professional Providers

The contractor shall furnish individual professional providers who meet or exceed the criteria contained in [32 CFR 199.6](#), TRICARE Policy Manual (TPM), [Chapter 11](#), and the requirements of this chapter. The contractor shall provide personnel accepted and credentialed by the MTF within 90 calendar days of receiving the **executed contract action, or within the time frame otherwise established between the parties and identified within the Performance Work Statement/Statement of Work/Specification.**

3.1.2 Clinical Support Personnel

The contractor shall furnish **clinical support** personnel who are licensed or certified to practice in the state and their speciality where such licensing or certification is available and meet the requirements of the facility where the individual will practice. Clinical support personnel obtained on a personal services basis must meet the licensure requirements of 10 USC Section 1094. The facility specific requirements will be contained in each **Performance Work Statement/Statement of Work/Specification.**

The contractor shall provide **clinical support** personnel accepted and credentialed by the MTF within 60 calendar days of receiving the **executed contract action, or within the time frame otherwise established between the parties and identified within the Performance Work Statement/Statement of Work/Specification.** The contractor shall provide health care personnel with credentials that allow the MTF to award privileges in accordance with the specifications contained in the **Performance Work Statement/Statement of Work/Specification.** The contractor shall provide the documentation supporting the fulfillment of the requirements to the MTF where the individual will work 30 calendar days prior to the individual's first day of work.

3.1.3 Supervision Of CSA Personnel

3.1.3.1 CSA personnel may be obtained on a personal services basis or a non-personal services basis **as specified in the Performance Work Statement/Statement of Work Specifications.** The contractor shall supervise all CSA personnel obtained on a non-personal services basis for the purpose of directing the terms and conditions of employment. This does not preclude MTF oversight on administrative aspects of patient care activities, such as scheduling, peer review, QA, etc. Contractor furnished personnel shall comply with privileging requirements, utilization review/management criteria and procedures, quality assessment procedures and criteria, and peer review and quality of care reviews in accordance with the policy, procedures, and regulatory provisions established for Government practitioners ([32 CFR 199.15](#), [199.16](#), and TPM, [Chapter 11](#)).

3.1.3.2 All CSA personnel shall comply with all MTF specific requirements including all local Employee Health Program (EHP), Federal Occupational Safety Act and Health Act (OSHA), Bloodborn Pathogens Program (BBP) requirements, Department of Defense (DoD) Information Assurance Certification And Accreditation Process (DIACAP) requirements, and MTF training requirements.

3.1.4 Credentialing of CSA Program Personnel

3.1.4.1 The contractor shall provide to the MTF individual professional providers who meet the credentialing and privileging requirements of [32 CFR 199.6](#). In addition, the staff members must

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agree to comply with the licensing and credentialing directives of the MTF and to fully participate in MTF quality assessment and improvement activities required by the MTF. The contractor shall provide the MTF Commander with the original and one copy of all information on credentials for civilian providers working in the MTF. (The original document will be returned upon the completion of the MTF credentialing process.) The contractor is responsible for querying the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) about each provider upon initial appointment and every two years thereafter and for providing the MTF Commanders with copies of the NPDB report each time one is received on a CSA professional provider. DoD requirements for the basic credentials and privileging of health care providers are set forth in [32 CFR 199.6](#) and DoD Directives (DoDD) 6025.6, 6025.11, and 6024.14. The contractor shall provide the MTF Commanders with all documentation required by these and all applicable Army, Navy, Air Force, or Space Force directives at least 30 calendar days prior to the provider's first day of work in an MTF.

3.1.4.2 The contractor shall credential all clinical support personnel in accordance with the Performance Work Statement/Statement of Work/Specification. The contractor shall provide the documentation supporting the fulfillment of the requirements to the MTF where the individual will work 30 calendar days prior to the individual's first day of work.

3.1.5 Contractor Liability for CSA Program Personnel

The contractor shall be solely liable for negligent acts or omissions of personnel supplied by the contractor on a non-personal services basis. The contractor shall ensure that all individual professional providers and clinical support personnel provided on a non-personal services basis maintain full professional liability insurance as required by the contract.

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