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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Defense Finance and Accounting Service.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Defense Finance and Accounting Service announces the proposed public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by January 25, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to the Denver Center, Defense Finance and Accounting Service, DFAS-DE/FJPD, Attn: Carolyn Crane, 6760 East Irvington Place, Denver, CO 80279-3000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to the above address, or call Carolyn Crane, 303-676-7818.

Title, Associated Form, and OMB Number: Dependency Statement—Ward of a Court.

Needs and Uses: A military member may claim a ward of a court for monetary allowances. Pursuant to 37 U.S.C. 401, 403 and 406, the member must provide over one-half of the claimed ward's monthly expenses. DoDFMR 7000.14, Volume 7A defines the definition of dependent and directs that dependency be proved. This form

may be prepared by the military member or may be prepared by another individual who may be a member of the public.

Affected Public: Individuals.

Annual Burden Hours: 187.5 hours.

Number of Respondents: 150.

Responses per Respondent: 1 (new form may be required if circumstances change).

Average Burden per Response: 1.25 hours.

Frequency: On occasion.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Summary of Information Collection

When military members apply for benefits, they will complete this form, Dependency Statement—Ward of a Court. While members would normally complete this form, they could also be completed by others considered members of the public. Dependency claim examiners will use information from these forms to determine the degree of benefits. This collection will also decrease the possibility of monetary allowances being approved on behalf of ineligible dependents, and alleviate the opportunity for fraud, waste and abuse.

Dated: November 19, 1998.

Patricia L. Toppings,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

TRICARE; the Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services (CHAMPUS); Specialized Treatment Services (STS) Program

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice is to advise interested parties that Walter Reed Army Medical Center (WRAMC), Washington, DC, located in TRICARE Region 1 has been designated a Multi-Regional Specialized Treatment Services Facility (STSF) for Liver Transplantation and a National STSF for Renal Transplantation. The application for the STSF designation was submitted by WRAMC and approved by the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs). The Lead Agent for Region 1 will ensure that the STSF maintains the quality and standards required for specialized treatment services. The designation covers the following Diagnosis Related Groups: 480—Liver Transplant

302—Kidney Transplant

Travel and lodging for the patient and, if stated to be medically necessary by a referring physician, for one non-medical attendant, will be reimbursed by WRAMC in accordance with the provisions of the Joint Federal Travel Regulation. DOD beneficiaries who reside in the Multi-Regional STS Catchment Area for liver transplant which includes TRICARE Regions 1, 2, and 5 must be evaluated by WRAMC before receiving TRICARE/CHAMPUS cost sharing for liver transplantation that falls under Diagnosis Related Group 480. DOD beneficiaries who reside in the National STS Catchment Area must be evaluated by WRAMC before receiving TRICARE/CHAMPUS cost sharing for kidney transplantation that falls under Diagnosis Related Group 302. Evaluation in person is preferred, and travel and lodging expenses for the evaluation will be reimbursed as stated above. It is possible to conduct the evaluation telephonically if the patient is unable to travel to WRAMC. If the procedures cannot be performed at WRAMC, the facility will provide a medical necessity review prior to issuance of a Nonavailability Statement.

The STS Multi-Regional Catchment Area for liver transplant covering TRICARE Regions 1, 2, and 5 includes all zip codes within those TRICARE Regions. The STS National Catchment Area for kidney transplant is defined as the continental United States (i.e., 48 contiguous states and the District of Columbia excluding Alaska and Hawaii).

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 1, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ms. Kendra Drew, WRAMC, at (202) 782-4302, or Captain D. Michael Jones, TRICARE Region 1 Lead Agent Office, at (202) 782-1483; or Lieutenant Colonel Teresa Sommese, TRICARE Management Activity, (703) 681-3628, extension 5029; or Mr. Tariq Shahid, TRICARE Management Activity, (303) 676-3801.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In FR DOC 93-27050, appearing in the **Federal Register** on November 5, 1993 (Vol. 58, FR 58955-58964), the final rule on the STS Program was published. Included in the final rule was a provision that a notice of all military and civilian STS facilities be published in the **Federal Register** annually. This notice is issued under the authority of 10 U.S.C. 1105 and 32 CFR 199.4(a)(10).