

DoD beneficiaries who reside in the catchment areas of the designated STS facilities must be evaluated by the appropriate facility prior to receiving TRICARE/CHAMPUS cost sharing for procedures that fall under the above Diagnosis Related Groups. Evaluation in person is preferred, and travel and lodging expenses for the evaluation will be reimbursed as stated above. It may be possible to conduct the evaluation telephonically if the patient is unable to travel to the appropriate facility. If a needed procedure cannot be performed by one of the above facilities, HMHS will provide a medical necessity review prior to issuance of a Nonavailability Statement or other similar authorizations. The Catchment Area for each transplant STS includes zip codes within TRICARE Regions 3 and 4 that fall within a 200 mile radius of the facility.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 1, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Richard Mancini, Director of Network Development, Humana Military Healthcare Services, Inc., 500 West Main St., Louisville, KY 40202, telephone (502) 580-1538; LCDR Leesa Kent, Office of the Lead Agent, TRICARE Region 3, (706) 787-3016; Colonel Joe Taylor, Office of the Lead Agent, TRICARE Region 4, (228) 377-9643; Lt. Col. 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).

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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 David Grant Medical Center (DGMC), Fairfield, California, has been designated a regional Specialized Treatment Services Facility (STSF) for Neurosurgery, General Surgery, Cardiovascular Surgery, Orthopedic Surgery and Gynecology for TRICARE Region 10. The application for this STSF designation was submitted by the Lead Agent for TRICARE Region 10 and approved by the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs). The Lead Agent will ensure that the STSF maintains the quality and standards required for specialized treatment services. This designation covers the following Diagnostic Related Groups:

- 001—Craniotomy, Age Greater than 17, Except for Trauma
- 003—Craniotomy, Age 0-17
- 004—Spinal Procedures
- 049—Major Head and Neck Procedures
- 110—Major Cardiovascular Procedures with CC
- 111—Major Cardiovascular Procedures without CC
- 191—Pancreas, Liver and Shunt Procedures with CC
- 209—Major Joint and Limb Reattachment Procedures of Lower Extremity
- 286—Adrenal and Pituitary Procedures
- 357—Uterine and Adnexa Procedures for Ovarian or Adnexal Malignancy
- 491—Major Joint and Limb Reattachment Procedures of Upper Extremity

DoD beneficiaries who reside in the DGMC STS Catchment Area for TRICARE Region 10 must be evaluated by DGMC before receiving TRICARE/CHAMPUS cost sharing for the procedures that fall under the above Diagnostic Related Groups. Travel and lodging for the patient and, if stated to be medically necessary by a referring physician, for one nonmedical attendant, will be reimbursed by DGMC in accordance with the provisions of the Joint Federal Travel Regulation. Although evaluation in person is preferred, it is possible to conduct the evaluation telephonically if the patient is unable to travel to DGMC. If the procedure cannot be performed at DGMC, the facility will provide a medical necessity review prior to issuance of a Nonavailability Statement. The DGMC STS Catchment Area covering TRICARE Region 10 is defined by zip codes in the Defense Medical Information System STS Facilities Catchment Area Directory. The Catchment Area includes zip codes within TRICARE Region 10 in California

that fall within a 200 mile radius of DGMC.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 1, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Colonel Steve Jennings, DGMC, (707) 423-7828; or Lieutenant Colonel Pamela Cygan, Office of the Lead Agent, TRICARE Region 10, (707) 424-6533; or Lieutenant Colonel Teresa Sommese, TRICARE Management Activity, (703) 681-3628, extension 5029; or Mr. Tariq Shahid, TRICARE Management Activity, (303) 676-3801.

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AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice is to advise interested parties that Naval Medical Center, San Diego (NMCS), has been designated a regional Specialized Treatment Services Facility (STSF) for TRICARE Region Nine. The application for this STSF designation was submitted by the Lead Agent for TRICARE Region Nine and approved by the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs). The Lead Agent will ensure that the STSF maintains the quality and standards required for specialized treatment services. This designation covers the following Diagnostic Related Groups:

- 001—Craniotomy, Age Greater than 17, Except for Trauma
- 003—Craniotomy, Age 0-17
- 004—Spinal Procedures
- 049—Major Head and Neck Procedures
- 104—Cardiac Valve Procedure with Cardiac Catheterization
- 105—Cardiac Valve Procedure without Cardiac Catheterization