

privileging actions and malpractice data to the National Practitioner Data Bank and to the state licensing boards of the individual provider.

ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND THE PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:

In addition to those disclosures generally permitted under 5 U.S.C. 552a(b) of the Privacy Act, these records or information contained therein may specifically be disclosed outside the DoD as a routine use pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(b)(3) as follows:

To the Department of Health and Human Services for inclusion in the National Practitioner Data Bank and to state licensing authorities for the purpose of reporting DoD adverse privileging actions and malpractice data as provided in 42 U.S.C. 11131–11152.

If the records are ‘medical quality assurance records,’ they may be disclosed outside the DoD as a routine use only as follows:

To a Federal executive agency or private organization, if such medical quality assurance record or testimony is needed by such agency or organization to perform licensing or accreditation functions related to DoD health care facilities or to perform monitoring, required by law, of DoD health care facilities.

To an administrative or judicial proceeding commenced by a present or former DoD health care provider, concerning the termination, suspension, or limitation of clinical privileges of such health care provider.

To a governmental board or agency or to a professional health care society or organization, if such medical quality assurance record or testimony is needed by such board, agency, society, or organization to perform licensing, credentialing, or the monitoring of professional standards with respect to any health care provider who is or was a member or an employee of the DoD.

To a hospital, medical center, or other institution that provides health care services, if such medical quality assurance record or testimony is needed by such institution to assess the professional qualifications of any health care provider who is or was a member or employee of the DoD and who has applied for or been granted authority or employment to provide health care services in or on behalf of such institution.

To a criminal or civil law enforcement agency or instrumentality charged under applicable law with the protection of the public health or safety, if a qualified representative of such agency or instrumentality requests that such

record or testimony be provided for a purpose authorized by law.

To officials of an administrative or judicial proceeding commenced by a criminal or civil law enforcement agency or instrumentality to serve the defined purposes proposed for that proceeding.

The ‘Blanket Routine Uses’ set forth at the beginning of OSD’s compilation of systems of records notices do not apply to medical quality assurance records maintained in this system of records.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORING, RETRIEVING, ACCESSING, RETAINING, AND DISPOSING OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

STORAGE:

Records are maintained on paper and on a microcomputer system.

RETRIEVABILITY:

Hard copy is filed by the sponsor’s Social Security Number. Electronic records may be accessed by search of the Social Security Number of the health care provider or in the case of a patient, by the Social Security Number of the military sponsor.

SAFEGUARDS:

Records are accessed by authorized personnel having an official need-to-know who have been trained for handling Privacy Act data. Hard copy records are maintained in locked cabinets in restricted access areas. Access to computer files is restricted to a user IDs and password system managed by the CCQAS system administrator.

RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:

Disposition pending (until NARA disposition is approved, treat as permanent).

SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESS:

TRICARE Management Activity, Skyline 5, Suite 810, 5111 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041–3206.

NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE:

Individuals seeking to determine whether information about themselves is contained in this system should address written inquiries to the TRICARE Management Activity, Skyline 5, Suite 810, 5111 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041–3206.

Requests for information should contain the full name of the health care provider or military sponsor, the requesting individual’s Social Security Number (or Social Security Number of a military sponsor, if inquiry is by a claimant), military department and medical facility and signature of the requester, and the time frame in which the case record was developed.

RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:

Individuals seeking access to information about themselves contained in this system should address written inquiries to the TRICARE Management Activity, Skyline 5, Suite 810, 5111 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041–3206.

Requests for access should contain the full name of the health care provider or military sponsor, the requesting individual’s Social Security Number (or Social Security number of a military sponsor, if inquiry is by a claimant), military department and medical facility and signature of the requester, and the time frame in which the case record was developed.

CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:

The OSD rules for accessing records, for contesting contents and appealing initial agency determinations are published in OSD Administrative Instruction 81; 32 CFR part 311; or may be obtained from the system manager.

RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:

Medical facilities of the military departments, the National Practitioner Data Bank, and other health care practitioners.

EXEMPTIONS CLAIMED FOR THE SYSTEM:

None.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Suspension of the Price Evaluation Adjustment for Small Disadvantaged Businesses

AGENCY: Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice of 1-year suspension of the price evaluation adjustment for small disadvantaged businesses.

SUMMARY: The Acting Director of Defense Procurement has suspended the use of the price evaluation adjustment for small disadvantaged businesses (SDBs) in DoD procurements as required by 10 U.S.C. 232(e)(3), as amended by Section 801 of the Strom Thurmond National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1999, because DoD exceeded its 5 percent contract goal for awards to SDBs in fiscal year 1999. The suspension will be in effect for 1 year and will be reevaluated based on the level of DoD contract awards to SDBs achieved in fiscal year 2000.

DATE: Effective Date: February 24, 2000.

Applicability Date: This suspension applies to all solicitations issued during the period from February 24, 2000, to February 23, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Susan Schneider, PDUSD (AT&L) DP (DAR), Defense Acquisition Regulations Council, 3062 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301–3062, telephone (703) 602–0326.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the authority granted to 10 U.S.C. 2323(e), DoD has previously granted SDBs a 10 percent price preference in certain acquisitions. This price preference is implemented in Subpart 19.11 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation. Section 801 of the Strom Thurmond National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2000 (Public Law 105–261) amended 10 U.S.C. 2323(e)(3) to prohibit DoD from granting such a price preference for a 1-year period following a fiscal year in which DoD achieved the 5 percent goal for contract awards established in 10 U.S.C. 2323(a). Since, in fiscal year 1999, DoD exceeded this 5 percent goal, use of this price preference in DoD acquisitions must be suspended for a 1-year period, from February 24, 2000, to February 23, 2000. A similar suspension was required for the period from

February 24, 1999, to February 23, 2000 (64 FR 4847, February 1, 1999).

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Revised Non-Foreign Overseas Per Diem Rates

AGENCY: DoD, Per Diem, Travel and Transportation Allowance Committee.

ACTION: Notice of Revised Non-Foreign Overseas Per Diem Rates.

SUMMARY: The Per Diem, Travel and Transportation Allowance Committee is publishing Civilian Personnel Per Diem Bulletin Number 213. This bulletin lists revisions in the per diem rates prescribed for U.S. Government employees for official travel in Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, the Northern Mariana Islands and Possessions of the

United States. AEA changes announced in Bulletin Number 194 remain in effect. Bulletin Number 213 is being published in the **Federal Register** to assure that travelers are paid per diem at the most current rates.

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 1, 2000.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This document gives notice of revisions in per diem rates prescribed by the Per Diem Travel and Transportation Allowance Committee for non-foreign areas outside the continental United States. It supersedes Civilian Personnel Per Diem Bulletin Number 212. Distribution of Civilian Personnel Per Diem Bulletins by mail was discontinued. Per Diem Bulletins published periodically in the **Federal Register** now constitute the only notification of revisions in per diem rates to agencies and establishments outside the Department of Defense. For more information or questions about per diem rates, please contact your local travel office. The text of the Bulletin follows:

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