

480-483 or 495. For admissions occurring on or after October 1, 1998, the CHAMPUS grouper hierarchy logic was changed to move DRG 103 to the PreMDC DRGs and to assign patients to PreMDC DRGs 480, 103 and 495 before assignment to MDC 15 DRGs and the neonatal DRGs.

For FY 2001, HCFA will implement classification changes, including surgical hierarchy changes. The CHAMPUS Grouper will incorporate all changes made to the Medicare Grouper.

B. Wage Index and Medicare Geographic Classification Review Board Guidelines

TRICARE/CHAMPUS will continue to use the same wage index amounts used for the Medicare PPS. In addition, TRICARE/CHAMPUS will duplicate all changes with regard to the wage index for specific hospitals that are redesignated by the Medicare Geographic Classification Review Board.

C. Hospital Market Basket

TRICARE/CHAMPUS will update the adjusted standardized amounts according to the final updated hospital market basket used for the Medicare PPS according to HCFA's August 1, 2000, final rule.

D. Outlier Payments

Since TRICARE/CHAMPUS does not include capital payments in our DRG-based payments, we will use the fixed loss cost outlier threshold calculated by HCFA for paying cost outliers in the absence of capital prospective payments. For FY 2001, the fixed loss cost outlier threshold is based on the sum of the applicable DRG-based payment rate plus any amounts payable for IDME plus a fixed dollar amount. Thus, for FY 2001, in order for a case to qualify for cost outlier payments, the costs must exceed the TRICARE/CHAMPUS DRG base payment rate (wage adjusted) for the DRG plus the IDME payment plus \$16,036 (wage adjusted). The marginal cost factor for cost outliers continues to be 80 percent.

Blood Clotting Factor

For FY 2001, TRICARE/CHAMPUS will use the following HCPCS codes and payment rates for blood clotting factors:

	Per unit
J7190 Factor VIII (antihemophilic factor—human)	\$0.85
J7191 Factor VIII (antihemophilic factor—porcine)	2.09
J7192 Factor VIII (antihemophilic factor—recombinant)	1.12
J7194 Factor IX (complex)	0.31
J7198 Anti-inhibitor	1.43

	Per unit
Q0160 Factor IX (antihemophilic factor, purified, Non-recombinant)	1.05
Q0161 Factor IX (antihemophilic factor, recombinant)	1.12

Indirect Medical Education (IDME) Adjustment

The Balanced Budget Refinement Act of 1999, modified the transition for the IDME adjustment that was established by the Balanced Budget Act of 1997. The new multiplier for the IDME adjustment factor for TRICARE/CHAMPUS for FY 2001 is 1.16.

II. Cost to Charge Ratio

For FY 2001, the cost-to-charge ratio used for the TRICARE/CHAMPUS DRG-based payment system will be 0.5353, which is increased to 0.5408 to account for bad debts. This shall be used to calculate the adjusted standardized amounts and to calculate cost outlier payments, except for children's hospitals. For children's hospital cost outliers, the cost-to-charge ratio used is 0.5913.

III. Updated Rates and Weights

The updated rates and weights are accessible through the Internet at www.tricare.osd.mil under the heading TRICARE Provider Information. Table 1 provides the ASA rates and Table 2 provides the DRG weights to be used under the TRICARE/CHAMPUS DRG-based payment system during FY 2001 and which is a result of the changes described above. The implementing regulations for the TRICARE/CHAMPUS DRG-based payment system are in 32 CFR part 199.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Renewal of the Planning and Steering Advisory Committee (Navy)

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Planning and Steering Advisory Committee (PSAC) has been renewed in consonance with the public interest, and in accordance with the provisions of Public Law 92-463, the "Federal Advisory Committee Act."

The PSAC provides an avenue of communications by which a distinguished group representing scientific, academic engineering, and intelligence communities advises the Chief of Naval Operations on questions related to SSBN Security. Their mission is to make in-depth technical assessments of U.S. and foreign threat ASW developments and related technologies, to critically review programs which potentially impact SSBN survivability, and to evaluate intelligence efforts to identify and define ASW and SSBN survivability threats.

The Committee will continue to be composed of selected Group members to conduct detailed examinations of matters related to SSBN security.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Renewal of the Telecommunications Service Priority System Oversight Committee (TSPOC)

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The TSPOC has been renewed in consonance with the public interest, and in accordance with the provisions of Pub. L. 92-463, the "Federal Advisory Committee Act."

The TSPOC provides advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Defense regarding the priority treatment of national security and emergency preparedness telecommunications services. Functions include evaluating the currency of policies, procedures and system documentation requirements, and assessing the adequacy of the system in the light of technological advances.

The TSPOC will continue to be composed of 18 members, both federal, state and local government, and non-government individuals, who are experts in telecommunications services. Efforts will be made to ensure that there is a fairly balanced membership in terms of the functions to be performed and the interest groups represented.

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