

A. An eligible member's dependents who would otherwise be eligible to receive health care in a military treatment facility under 10 U.S.C. 1072(a)(2) if the eligible member was still on active duty will remain eligible for such health care in the same manner from a military treatment facility during the applicable period of eligibility listed below.

B. An eligible member's dependents who would otherwise be eligible to receive health care from civilian facilities or providers under 10 U.S.C. 1079(a) if the eligible member was still on active duty will remain eligible for such health care from civilian facilities or providers under the same rates and conditions during the applicable period of eligibility listed below.

The period of eligibility for dependents under this Demonstration, beginning on the date on which the member is separated, is as follows:

A. For members separated with less than six years of active service, 60 days.

B. For members separated with six or more years of active service, 120 days.

The demonstration project is designed to test an approach for addressing the potential inequity where departing service member health care eligibility is intact but not comparable eligibility for their dependents. The Department's effective response to potential disruption or loss of access to medical care for dependents requires careful review of operational and administrative mechanisms that can ease this hardship during the transition from active duty to civilian status. The demonstration of covering dependents of separating service members is proposed for the purpose of:

A. Assessing the facility for the MHS to provide extended health care coverage for dependents.

B. Determining whether the 60 or 120 days of health care eligibility for dependents is cost-effective, necessary, and beneficial to DoD.

C. Minimizing the uncertainty associated with the transition of separating members to civilian status.

D. Identifying any extraordinary out-of-pocket expenses for dependents.

E. Identifying potential problems associated with the transition process in regards to impaired access, beneficiary satisfaction, and adequacy of providers.

The military departments and Coast Guard will identify beneficiaries eligible for this demonstration program. Eligibility information will be transmitted by the military departments and the Coast Guard to the Defense Manpower Data Center that will establish and maintain beneficiary eligibility data as the Defense

Enrollment and Eligibility Record System (DEERS). TRICARE Management Activity (TMA) will notify the managed care support care contractors of this change. DoD's objective is to achieve a level of participation sufficient to test new strategies and will conduct this demonstration worldwide.

Demonstration participants will include dependents of separated service members who remain eligible for TRICARE under DoD's transitional health care program. Demonstration participants are eligible for enrollment in TRICARE Prime.

This support is an important element in the welfare of service members and their dependents called to a significant and immediate change in life circumstances. It will prevent undue financial hardships for departing service members and their families during transition from military to civilian life. Information and experience gained as part of this demonstration will provide the foundation for longer-term solutions in the event of future reserve activation or an increase in military forces.

#### B. Description of Demonstration Project

(1) *Location of Project:* The number of service members routinely separated from active duty coupled with the demobilization of over 73,000 reservists and national guardsmen in support of Enduring Freedom and Noble Eagle will result in the demand for transitional health care services in many geographical areas in CONUS and overseas. Therefore, to achieve a level of participation sufficient to test new strategies, this demonstration will occur nationwide.

(2) *Project Components:* The Demonstration will cover all health care services rendered to eligible beneficiaries beginning January 1, 2002.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

#### **Defense Intelligence Agency, Advisory Board, Standing Committee of Emerging Chemical and Biological Technology Advisory Committee of Experts Close Panel Meeting**

**AGENCY:** Department of Defense, Defense Intelligence Agency.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the provisions of Subsection (d) of Section 10 of Public Law 92-463, as amended by Section 5 of Public Law 92-409, notice is hereby given that a closed meeting of the DIA Advisory Board, Standing Committee on Emerging Chemical and Biological Technology Advisory Committee of Experts was held as follows:

**DATES:** 5 & 6 June 2002 (0800am-1700pm).

**ADDRESSES:** Washington, DC 20009.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Jack A. McNulty, Director, DIA Advisory Board, Standing Committee on Emerging Chemical and Biological Technology Advisory Committee of Experts, Washington, DC 20340-1328, (202) 231-3507.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The entire meeting was devoted to the discussion of classified information as defined in Section 552b(c)(1), Title 5 of the United States Code, and therefore was closed to the public. The Board received briefings on and discussed several current critical intelligence issues and advised the Director, DIA, on related scientific and technical matters.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

#### **Defense Science Board**

**AGENCY:** Department of Defense.

**ACTION:** Notice of advisory committee meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Defense Science Board (DSB) Task Force on B-52 Re-Engining will meet in closed session on June 25, 2002, at the Institute for Defense Analysis, 4850 Mark Center Drive, Alexandria, VA. This Task Force will review and advise on key aspects of the policy and technology issues associated with re-engining the USAF B-52 fleet.

The mission of the Defense Science Board is to advise the Secretary of Defense and the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology & Logistics on scientific and technical matters as they affect the perceived needs of the Department of Defense. At this meeting, the Defense Science Board Task Force will review the Department's policy and technology associated with re-engining the B-52 fleet. Re-engining has been undertaken for several