the Secretary of Defense compilation of systems of records notices apply to this system.

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

STORAGE:

Paper file folders and electronic storage media.

RETRIEVABILITY:

Name, Social Security Number (SSN), rank/grade.

SAFEGUARDS:

The data will be housed at computer facilities and terminals located in restricted areas accessible only to authorized persons that are properly screened, cleared and trained. All users are required to provide a valid common access card (CAC) and access is specifically granted by a system administrator. Records will be maintained in a secure, password protected electronic system that will utilize security hardware and software to include: Multiple firewalls, active intrusion detection, and role-based access controls.

RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:

Disposition Pending. Until the National Archives and Records Administration has approved the retention and disposal of these records, treat them as permanent.

SYSTEM MANAGER(S) ADDRESS:

Principal Deputy for Care Coordination, Office of Wounded Warrior Care and Transition Policy, Office of the Secretary of Defense, OUSD (P&R) WWCTP, 200 Stovall Street, Alexandria, VA 22332–0800.

NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE:

Individuals seeking to determine whether information about themselves is contained in this system should address written inquiries to the Principal Deputy for Care Coordination, Office of Wounded Warrior Care and Transition Policy, Office of the Secretary of Defense, OUSD (P&R) WWCTP, 200 Stovall Street, Alexandria, VA 22332–0800.

Written requests must be signed and contain the individual’s full name, mailing address and Social Security Number (SSN).

RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:

Individuals seeking access to information about themselves contained in this system should address written inquiries to the Office of the Secretary of Defense/Joint Staff Freedom of Information Act Requester Service Center, 1155 Defense Pentagon, Washington DC 20301–1155. Written requests must include the name and number of this system of record notice, the Service member’s full name and Social Security Number (SSN) and be signed.

CONTESTING RECORDS PROCEDURES:

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

RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:

Individuals, the Operational Data Store Enterprise system, the Total Force Data Warehouse, and the Defense Casualty Information Processing System.

EXEMPTIONS CLAIMED FOR THE SYSTEM:

None.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

TRICARE Co-Pay Waiver at Captain James A. Lovell Federal Health Care Center Demonstration Project

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice of TRICARE Co-Pay waiver at Captain James A. Lovell Federal Health Care Center demonstration project.

SUMMARY: This notice is to advise interested parties of a demonstration project entitled “TRICARE Co-Pay Waiver at Captain James A. Lovell Federal Health Care (FHCC) Demonstration Project.” Under this demonstration, there would be no deductibles, cost shares, or co-pays for eligible beneficiaries seeking care at the FHCC. This demonstration would take place under the authority of 10 U.S.C. Section 1092(a)(1)(B) Cost-sharing by eligible beneficiaries. The effectiveness of this demonstration will be tested by comparing the volume of care for beneficiaries that would have paid co-payments to the prior year volume to determine if increased utilization actually occurred as a result of the elimination of co-payments. Increased utilization would be an indicator of what to expect in future Department of Defense (DoD)/Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) mergers of this nature and would influence decisions regarding financial integration.

DATES: Effective Date: This five-year demonstration project will be effective October 1, 2010.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Kenneth E. Cox, Director, DoD/VA Program Coordination Office, Health Affairs, Telephone (703) 681–4258.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Background: The Captain James A. Lovell FHCC, which is scheduled to open in October 2010, will be the first Federal health care facility in the nation to be operated jointly between the VA and the Navy. New construction will be completed to combine the North Chicago VA Medical Center (NCVAMC) and Naval Health Clinic Great Lakes (NHCGL) into a single, fully integrated federal health care facility. The completely integrated medical center will be led by a VA Chief Executive Officer, and a U.S. Navy medical department officer as the Deputy.

Title XVII of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2010 authorized the Department of Defense and Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Facility Demonstration Project in North Chicago/Great Lakes, IL. Because the legislation did not address the issue of beneficiary cost sharing, it is being addressed through this notice.

DoD and VA have carefully analyzed the impact of requiring co-pays by beneficiaries, and believe that the requirement may adversely impact the success of the integration. At this time, it is estimated that keeping the co-pays in place would result in at least a 50 percent reduction in DoD beneficiaries treated at the FHCC since those patients would see no added benefit to traveling to FHCC and will seek care at facilities closer to home. Furthermore, beneficiaries who had previously received care at the NHCGL when it was designated as an MTF, would be required to make a co-payment for medical care provided, including emergency, hospitalization, and behavioral health services. Since the VAMC will no longer be a separate authorized TRICARE provider, but will be under the integrated structure, there will be no health care claim prepared to bill TRICARE. The organizations are merged financially in accordance with the Executive Agreement. The Department will therefore test whether waiver of the co-pay by the beneficiary will impact the utilization and cost effectiveness of the demonstration.

B. Details of the demonstration: The April 23, 2010, Executive Agreement (EA) between VA and DoD reads “Active
Duty members and Active Duty dependents enrolled in TRICARE Prime pay no co-payments for inpatient or outpatient health care services. DoD may establish special co-pay rules for the FHCC under demonstration project authority of 10 U.S.C. 1092 for other beneficiaries. Under this demonstration, co-pays will be waived for any eligible DoD beneficiary seeking healthcare at the FHCC. The waiver of cost sharing applies to all inpatient, outpatient, and ancillary services and all outpatient prescription drugs provided at the FHCC. The waiver is consistent with current policies and procedures followed at all MTFs.

According to an Independent Government Cost Estimate (IGCE), it is estimated that waiving the co-pays for all beneficiaries including Medicare-eligible beneficiaries will cost DoD an additional $101,518 a year. This cost assumes that the lack of co-pays would lead to a 20 percent increase in utilization by the affected groups (i.e. induced demand) at this facility. Without this assumption, the waiver would cost DoD an additional $84,599 annually. The cost of additional staffing required to compute and collect co-payments could easily be more than $100,000 per year.

The effectiveness of this demonstration will be tested by comparing the volume of care for beneficiaries that would have paid co-payments to the prior year volume to determine if increased utilization actually occurred as a result of the elimination of co-payments. Increased utilization would be an indicator of what to expect in future DoD/VA mergers of this nature and would influence decisions regarding financial integration. The final report on this demonstration will accompany the final report on the FHCC demonstration included by docket number and title, of the Federal Register document. The general policy for comments and other submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public viewing on the Internet at http://www.regulations.gov as they are received without change, including any personal identifiers or contact information.

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 Air Force Institute of Technology, 2950 Hobson Way, WPAFB, OH, 45433, 937–255–3636 x4874.

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Title: Associated Form; and OMB Number: Leading Edge Supply Chain Survey; OMB Number 0701–TBD.

Needs and Uses: This study seeks to uncover the emerging trends in supply chain management (SCM) practices, processes and metrics that could be beneficial to the Department of Defense, with particular emphasis on the U.S. Air Force.

Affected Public: Business or other for profit.

Annual Burden Hours: 613.5.

Number of Respondents: 818.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Average Burden per Response: 45 minutes.

Frequency: On occasion.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Summary of Information Collection

Potential respondents to this survey are individuals with in depth experience in commercial supply chain management.


Patricia L. Toppins, OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

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Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records

AGENCY: U.S. Marine Corps, Department of the Navy, DoD.

ACTION: Notice to reinstate a system of records.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Marine Corps proposes to reinstate a system of records to its inventory of record systems subject to the Privacy Act of 1974, (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended.

After review, it has been determined that the records covered under this previously deleted notice (see 75 FR 43502, July 26, 2010) are not covered elsewhere as stated; therefore this notice is being reinstated.

DATES: This proposed action will be effective without further notice on October 27, 2010, unless comments are received which result in a contrary determination.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by docket number and title, by any of the following methods:


Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name, docket number and title for this Federal Register document. The general policy for comments and other submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public viewing on the Internet at http://www.regulations.gov as they are received without change, including any personal identifiers or contact information.