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AGENCY: United States Africa Command, Department of Defense (DoD).

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working groups involving agency personnel, members of the trade community, academia, and other government agencies. Conference participants will focus on transportation and logistics strategy, capabilities, initiatives, issues, and concerns in Africa and Europe. The keynote speaker will be Lieutenant General (Retired) Claude V. “Chris” Christianson.

DATES: Monday, December 5, 2011 ('icebreaker’ social—6 p.m.–9 p.m.). Tuesday, December 6, 2011 (opening remarks, keynote address, and panel discussions—8:15 a.m.–5 p.m.). Wednesday, December 7, 2011 (working groups—8:30 a.m.–5 p.m.). Thursday, December 8, 2011 (working groups working out brief—8:30 a.m.–5 p.m.).

ADDRESSES: The JEADDC will be held at the Edelweiss Lodge and Resort at St. Martin Strasse 120, 82467 Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany. Instructions will be provided after registration to ensure non-installation pass holders may access the installation.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: AFRICOM Deployment and Distribution Operations Center +49 711–729–3669, or at raymond.hasenyager@africom.mil. To obtain the latest information on JEADDC and to register on-line, visit the JEADDC Web site at http://www.jeaddc.com.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The agenda for JEADDC will be announced at a later date on the JEADDC Web site. There is no registration fee for the event. For attendees staying at the Edelweiss Lodge and Resort, the conference fee is included in the room rate when reservation code 1112JEADDC is used. Attendees using other accommodations will be charged $22.00 for the Monday, December 5, 2011 icebreaker event and a $42.50/day conference fee by the resort (the daily conference fee does not include any meals). Interested parties are requested to register for JEADDC by Tuesday, November 1, 2011. Attendees wishing to stay at the Edelweiss Lodge and Resort must reserve a room by Monday, October 3, 2011 using reservation code 1112JEADDC. Due to the overwhelming interest to attend past JEADDCs, each company is requested to limit their company’s registrations to no more than three participants, in order to afford equal representation from all members of the defense deployment and distribution community. Uniform/dress for military attendees is uniform of the day (UOD—ABU/ACU) and business casual (tie optional) for civilian attendees. Hotel accommodations must be reserved separately from the conference registration. Hotel information: Edelweiss Lodge & Resort, +49 8821–9440. $190.50/night Monday, December 5, 2011 and $178.50/night Tuesday, December 6, 2011 through Friday, December 9, 2011—Edelweiss room rates include conference attendance, Monday evening ‘icebreaker’, and breakfast and lunch Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. http://www.edelweisslodgeandresort.com/home.html or another hotel of the attendee’s choosing.

Dated: September 23, 2011.

Aaron Siegel, Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
Office of the Secretary
TRICARE Demonstration Project for the Philippines

AGENCY: Department of Defense, Office of the Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs)/TRICARE Management Activity.

ACTION: Notice of a TRICARE demonstration project for the Philippines.

SUMMARY: This notice is to advise interested parties of a Military Health System demonstration project entitled “TRICARE Demonstration Project for the Philippines.” The purpose of this demonstration is to validate an alternative approach to providing healthcare services for those beneficiaries covered under the TRICARE Standard option in the Philippines which made the provision of medical care to TRICARE beneficiaries through the TRICARE Overseas program operated in other overseas locations challenging. TRICARE has experienced dramatic increases in the amount billed for healthcare services rendered in the Philippines from $15 million in 1999 to $59 million in 2009 while the number of beneficiaries has remained constant. Administrative controls such as the validation of providers, implementation of a fee reimbursement schedule, duplicate claims edits and the impact of the cost-shares and deductibles have limited actual TRICARE expenditures to $17 million in 2009 for only approximately 11,000 beneficiaries.

In addition to these administrative controls, fraud and abuse activities in the Philippines have been a growing concern that necessitated prompt investigation and actions to reduce the number of fraudulent or abusive incidences. Measures were taken to prevent or reduce the level of fraud and abuse against TRICARE while concurrent investigations and prosecutions were conducted. In April 2008, seventeen individuals were convicted of defrauding the TRICARE program of more than $100 million.

As a result, prepayment review of claims is conducted to identify excessive charges and aberrant practices. Prepayment review is a tool typically used on a limited basis. Nevertheless, these efforts alone are not expected to control and eliminate the rising costs to the Philippines.

Because of this concern, the purpose of this demonstration is to validate an