DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Notice of Intent To Expand Implementation of the TRICARE® Program in Alaska

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs announces the intent to expand implementation of the TRICARE Program in Alaska. The expansion will require the Managed Care Support Contractor to develop and operate a TRICARE civilian preferred provider network under 32 CFR 199.17(p) within the Anchorage Prime Service Area of Alaska. Eligible TRICARE beneficiaries will be permitted to enroll in Prime with assignment to Military Treatment Facility (MTF) Primary Care Managers (PCMs) consistent with established priorities provided in 32 CFR 199.17(c) or assignment to a PCM within the TRICARE civilian preferred provider network. The initial expansion included the Prime Service Areas around Fort Wainwright and Eielson Air Force Base.

Under 32 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 199.1(b), the Director had previously limited the program in Alaska. Subsequently through the notice of November 3, 2010, http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/fedreg/a101103c.html, the limitation was partially revoked, and now the Director is revoking another part of the prior limitation in Alaska and intends to provide the benefit under 32 CFR 199.17(p).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: LTC Stephen Oates, TRICARE Policy and Operations Directorate, TRICARE Management Activity, 5111 Leesburg Pike, Suite 810, Falls Church, VA 22041, telephone (703) 681–8711.

Dated: December 21, 2011.

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

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Extension of Autism Services Demonstration Project for TRICARE Beneficiaries Under the Extended Care Health Option

AGENCY: Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice of demonstration.

SUMMARY: This notice provides a 2-year extension of the Department of Defense Enhanced Access to Autism Services Demonstration Project under the Extended Care Health Option for beneficiaries diagnosed with an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). Under the demonstration, the Department implemented a provider model that allows reimbursement for Intensive Behavioral Interventions (IBI) services, in particular, Applied Behavior Analysis, rendered by providers who are not otherwise eligible for reimbursement.

DATES: The demonstration will continue through March 14, 2014.

ADDRESSES: TRICARE Management Activity (TMA), Health Plan Operations, 5111 Leesburg Pike, Suite 810, Falls Church, VA 22041.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For questions pertaining to this demonstration project, please contact Mr. Richard Hart at (703) 681–0047.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On December 4, 2007, the Department of Defense published a Notice in the Federal Register (FR) (72 FR 68130) of a TRICARE demonstration to increase access to IBI services. The purpose of the demonstration is to allow the Department to determine whether such a provider model increases access to services, the services are reaching those most likely to benefit from them, the quality of the services rendered meets the standard of care currently accepted by the community of providers, and whether State requirements for licensure or certification of providers of IBI services, where such exists, are being met.

The effective date was 60 days following publication of the Notice, and the demonstration was implemented on March 15, 2008 for a period of 2 years.

Recognizing that the subject of ASDs is complex, in particular, with respect to the number of individuals diagnosed with ASD, the treatment of ASD that generally includes several years of behavior modification through educational services and the ability of the provider community to increase the number of qualified providers, the Department published a Notice in the Federal Register (FR) (75 FR 8928) on February 26, 2010 that extended the demonstration through March 14, 2012. The Department has determined that continuation of the demonstration for an additional 2 years is both in the best interest of TRICARE beneficiaries diagnosed with an ASD, and necessary to fully evaluate the effectiveness of the delivery model employed by the demonstration. This will provide the Secretary with sufficient information to make a formal decision regarding the use of that delivery model. The demonstration continues to be authorized by Title 10, United States Code, Section 1092.

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Mandatory Declassification Review Addresses

AGENCY: Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Information Security Oversight Office’s Classified National Security Information Directive No. 1, this notice provides Department of Defense addresses to which Mandatory Declassification Review requests may be sent. This notice benefits the public in advising them where to send such requests for declassification review.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Robert Storer, (571) 372–0483.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following chart identifies the offices to which mandatory declassification review requests should be addressed:

(1) OSD and the Office of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Joint Staff, Department of Defense, Washington Headquarters Services, Records and Declassification Division, Suite 02F09–02, 4800 Mark Center Drive, Alexandria, Va, 22350–3100.


DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
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Reserve Forces Policy Board (RFPB); Member Solicitation

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary of Defense Reserve Forces Policy Board, Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice of Advisory Committee Member Solicitation.


FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As specified in Section 10301, Title 10, U.S. Code, the Reserve Forces Policy Board serves “as an independent adviser to the Secretary of Defense to provide advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Defense on strategies, policies, and practices designed to improve and enhance the capabilities, efficiency, and effectiveness of the reserve components.” The Board consists of 20 members. This includes ten persons appointed or designated by the Secretary of Defense, each of whom must be a United States citizen having significant knowledge of and experience in policy matters relevant to national security and reserve component matters and must be one of the following pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 10301(c)(6):

(A) An individual not employed in any Federal or State department or agency.
(B) An individual employed by a Federal or State department or agency.
(C) An officer of a regular component of the armed forces on active duty, or an officer of a reserve component of the armed forces in an active status, who—

(i) Is serving or has served in a senior position on the Joint Staff, the headquarters staff of a combatant command, or the headquarters staff of an armed force; and

(ii) has experience in joint professional military education, joint qualification, and joint operations matters.”

The vacancy to be filled on the Board is one of those ten positions. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) of 1972 (5 U.S.C. Appendix, as amended) and the governing regulations (41 CFR 102–30175) provide the basis for and guidance concerning the management and operations of Federal advisory committees. Typically, advisory bodies subject to FACA require open, preannounced meetings; public access to discussions, deliberations, records and documents; opportunity for the