

Administration and Management Directorate, 16401 East Centretech Parkway, Aurora, CO 80011-9066.”

**NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE:**

Delete entry and replace with “Individuals seeking to determine whether information about themselves is contained in this system of records should address written inquiries to Chief, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Service Center, Defense Health Agency Privacy and Civil Liberties Office, 7700 Arlington Boulevard, Suite 5101, Falls Church, VA 22042-5101.

Requests should contain the full name and signature of the sponsor or beneficiary.

If requesting information about a minor or legally incompetent person, the request must be made by the custodial parent, legal guardian, or party acting in loco parentis of such individual. Written proof of that status may be required before the existence of any information will be confirmed.”

**RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:**

Delete entry and replace with “Individuals seeking access to records about themselves contained in this system of records should address written inquiries to the Chief, FOIA Service Center, Defense Health Agency Privacy and Civil Liberties Office, 7700 Arlington Boulevard, Suite 5101, Falls Church, VA 22042-5101.

Written requests for information should include the full name and signature of the sponsor or beneficiary.

If requesting records about a minor or legally incompetent person, the request must be made by the custodial parent, legal guardian, or party acting in loco parentis of such individual. Written proof of that status may be required before any records will be provided.”

**CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:**

Delete entry and replace with “The Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD) rules for accessing records, for contesting contents and appealing initial agency determinations are published in OSD Administrative Instruction 81, 32 CFR part 311, or may be obtained from the system manager.”

**RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:**

Delete entry and replace with “Contractors, Congressional offices, Beneficiary Counseling and Assistance Coordinators, all branches of the Uniformed Services, providers of care, consultants, sponsor and/or beneficiary.”

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

**Office of the Secretary**

**TRICARE, Formerly Known as the Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services (CHAMPUS); Fiscal Year 2016 Mental Health Rate Updates**

**AGENCY:** Department of Defense.

**ACTION:** Notice of Updated Mental Health Rates for Fiscal Year 2016.

**SUMMARY:** This notice provides the updated regional per-diem rates for low-volume mental health providers; the update factor for hospital-specific per-diems; the updated cap per-diem for high-volume providers; the beneficiary per-diem cost-share amount for low-volume providers; and, the updated per-diem rates for both full-day and half-day TRICARE Partial Hospitalization Programs for Fiscal Year 2016.

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* The Fiscal Year 2016 rates contained in this notice are effective for services on or after October 1, 2015.

**ADDRESSES:** Defense Health Agency (DHA), Medical Benefits and Reimbursement Section, 16401 East Centretech Parkway, Aurora, CO 80011-9066.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Elan Green, Medical Benefits and Reimbursement Section, DHA, telephone (303) 676-3907.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The final rule published in the **Federal Register** (FR) on September 6, 1988 (53 FR 34285) set forth reimbursement changes that were effective for all inpatient hospital admissions in psychiatric hospitals and exempt psychiatric units occurring on or after January 1, 1989. The final rule published in the **Federal Register** on July 1, 1993 (58 FR 35-400) set forth maximum per-diem rates for all partial hospitalization admissions on or after September 29, 1993. Included in these final rules were provisions for updating reimbursement rates for each federal Fiscal Year. As stated in the final rules, each per-diem shall be updated by the Medicare update factor for hospitals and units exempt from the Medicare Prospective Payment System (*i.e.*, this is the same update factor used for the inpatient prospective payment system). For Fiscal Year 2016, the market basket rate is 2.4 percent. This year, Medicare applied two reductions to its market basket amount: (1) A 0.5 percent reduction for economy-wide productivity required by section 3401(a) of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) which amended section 1886(b)(3)(B) of the Social

Security Act, and (2) a 0.2 percent point adjustment as required by section 1886(b)(3)(B)(xii) of the Act as added and amended by sections 3401 and 10319(a) of the PPACA. These two reductions do not apply to TRICARE. Hospitals and units with hospital-specific rates (hospitals and units with high TRICARE volume) and regional-specific rates for psychiatric hospitals and units with low TRICARE volume will have their TRICARE rates for Fiscal Year 2016 updated by 2.4 percent.

Partial hospitalization rates for full-day programs also will be updated by 2.4 percent for Fiscal Year 2016. Partial hospitalization rates for programs of less than 6 hours (with a minimum of three hours) will be paid a per diem rate of 75 percent of the rate for a full-day program.

The cap amount for high-volume hospitals and units also will be updated by the 2.4 percent for Fiscal Year 2016.

The beneficiary cost share for low-volume hospitals and units also will be updated by the 2.4 percent for Fiscal Year 2016.

Per Title 32 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 199.14, the same area wage indexes used for the CHAMPUS Diagnosis-Related Group (DRG)-based payment system shall be applied to the wage portion of the applicable regional per-diem for each day of the admission. The wage portion shall be the same as that used for the CHAMPUS DRG-based payment system. For wage index values greater than 1.0, the wage portion of the regional rate subject to the area wage adjustment is 69.6 percent for Fiscal Year 2016. For wage index values less than or equal to 1.0, the wage portion of the regional rate subject to the area wage adjustment is 62.0 percent.

Additionally, 32 CFR part 199.14 requires that hospital specific and regional per-diems shall be updated by the Medicare update factor for hospitals and units exempt from the Medicare prospective payment system.

The following reflect an update of 2.4 percent for Fiscal Year 2016.

**REGIONAL-SPECIFIC RATES FOR PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITALS AND UNITS WITH LOW TRICARE VOLUME FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016**

United States census region	Regional rate
Northeast:	
New England .....	\$871
Mid-Atlantic .....	840
Midwest:	
East North Central .....	726
West North Central .....	685

REGIONAL-SPECIFIC RATES FOR PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITALS AND UNITS WITH LOW TRICARE VOLUME FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016—Continued

United States census region	Regional rate
South:	
South Atlantic .....	864
East South Central .....	924
West South Central .....	787
West:	
Mountain .....	786
Pacific .....	930

REGIONAL-SPECIFIC RATES FOR PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITALS AND UNITS WITH LOW TRICARE VOLUME FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016—Continued

United States census region	Regional rate
Puerto Rico .....	593
Beneficiary cost-share: Beneficiary cost-share (other than dependents of Active Duty members) for care paid on the basis of a regional per-diem rate is the lower of \$229 per day or 25 percent	

of the hospital billed charges effective for services rendered on or after October 1, 2015. Cap Amount: Updated cap amount for hospitals and units with high TRICARE volume is \$1,096 per day for services on or after October 1, 2015.

The following reflects an update of 2.4 percent for Fiscal Year 2016 for the full day partial hospitalization rates. Partial hospitalization rates for programs of less than 6 hours (with a minimum of three hours) will be paid a per diem rate of 75 percent of the rate for a full-day program.

PARTIAL HOSPITALIZATION RATES FOR FULL-DAY AND HALF-DAY PROGRAMS  
[Fiscal year 2016]

United States census region	Full-day rate (6 hours or more)	Half-day rate (3–5 hours)
Northeast:		
New England (Maine, N.H., Vt., Mass., R.I., Conn.) .....	\$349	\$262
Mid-Atlantic:		
(N.Y., N.J., Penn.) .....	380	285
Midwest:		
East North Central (Ohio, Ind., Ill., Mich., Wis.) .....	335	251
West North Central:		
(Minn., Iowa, Mo., N.D., S.D., Neb., Kan.) .....	335	251
South:		
South Atlantic (Del., Md., DC, Va., W.Va., N.C., S.C., Ga., Fla.) .....	357	268
East South Central:		
(Ky., Tenn., Ala., Miss.) .....	388	291
West South Central:		
(Ark., La., Texas, Okla.) .....	388	291
West:		
Mountain (Mon., Idaho, Wyo., Col., N.M., Ariz., Utah, Nev.) .....	391	293
Pacific (Wash., Ore., Calif., Alaska, Hawaii) .....	385	289
Puerto Rico .....	250	188

The above rates are effective for services rendered on or after October 1, 2015.

Dated: October 21, 2015.

Aaron Siegel,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Docket ID: DoD-2015-OS-0104]

Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records

AGENCY: Defense Finance and Accounting Service, DoD.

ACTION: Notice to add a new System of Records.

SUMMARY: The Defense Finance and Accounting Service proposes to add a new system of records, T4500c, entitled “DFAS Transportation Incentive Program System (TIPS)” to manage the

mass transportation program for DFAS civilian and DFAS NAF employees applying for and in receipt of mass transit subsidies.

DATES: Comments will be accepted on or before November 27, 2015. This proposed action will be effective the day following the end of the comment period 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:  
\* Federal Rulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

\* Mail: Department of Defense, Office of the Deputy Chief Management Officer, Directorate of Oversight and Compliance, Regulatory and Audit Matters Office, 9010 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-9010.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name and docket number 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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Gregory Outlaw, Defense Finance and Accounting Service, Freedom of Information/Privacy Act Program Manager, Corporate Communications, DFAS-ZCF/IN, 8899 E. 56th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46249-0150 or at (317) 212-4591.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Defense Finance and Accounting Service notices for systems of records subject to the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended, have been published in the Federal Register and are available from the address in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT or from the Defense Privacy and Civil Liberties Division at <http://dpcl.dod.mil>.

The proposed system report, as required by 5 U.S.C. 552a(r) of the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, was