

TABLE 3—TRICARE HOME HEALTH CLAIMS BY SEVERITY AND AGE GROUP, FY 2017

Category based on clinical and functional severity	N	Percent	Percent of category by age group			
			<19	19–44	45–64	65+
Most Severe	3,317	17	9	1	15	20
Moderately Severe	9,288	48	64	43	48	47
Less Severe	5,339	27	9	30	28	27
Least Severe	1,518	8	18	13	6	5
Total	19,462	100	100	100	100	100

The HHVBP model applies to all Medicare-certified HHAs in each of the nine selected states, which covered approximately 25 percent of total TRICARE claims in fiscal year (FY) 2017. However, those HHAs for which Medicare-certification is not available due to the specialized beneficiary categories they serve (e.g., those HHAs specializing solely in the treatment of TRICARE beneficiaries that are under the age of 18 or receiving maternity care) are exempt from the HHVBP adjustment methodology. These specialized HHAs must qualify for corporate services provider status under the Program and are paid for covered professional services under the CMAC reimbursement system, and would not participate in the TRICARE HHVBP.

C. Implementation

The new demonstration is effective January 1, 2020 and will continue until the end of Medicare’s HHVBP model on December 31, 2022, unless terminated earlier by the Director, DHA, or Administrator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

D. Evaluation

This demonstration project will assist the Department in evaluating the feasibility of incorporating the HHVBP model in the TRICARE program. Regular status reports and a full analysis of demonstration outcomes will be conducted consistent with the requirements in the TRICARE Operations Manual, Chapter 29, Section 1.

TRICARE’s hypothesis is that payments that are linked to quality outcomes will:

- (1) Be administratively feasible, meaning that the demonstration will be successfully implemented and

administered within a reasonable margin of the DHA’s estimate of this demonstration;

- (2) Improve the quality of care delivered over time; and
- (3) Be cost-neutral or result in modest long-term cost savings.

Success shall be defined as:

- (1) Implementation and ongoing maintenance costs do not exceed 2 percent of the annual TRICARE total spend on home health care in the HHVBP demonstration states, and a high percentage of TRICARE HHAs provide their TPS scores.

- (2) Measurable and statistically significant improvements in the quality of care received by TRICARE beneficiaries occurs, year-over-year, with averages from 2014–2018 serving as the baseline data period.

- (3) The average acuity-adjusted home health cost per TRICARE beneficiary or episode in the HHVBP states increases at a slower rate or at the same rate compared to the same measure in the non-HHVBP states.

Following the end of each 12 months in the demonstration, DHA will measure and report the preceding data to the Director, DHA, along with a recommendation of whether to continue or discontinue the demonstration.

In the 12 months following termination of the demonstration, DHA shall make a report available to the public on the DHA website which details the findings of this demonstration, and potential next steps, if the demonstration is found to be successful in achieving the anticipated results. Continuation of the demonstration, or a transition into the Basic program reimbursement methodologies will be issued via appropriate **Federal Register** Notice or rulemaking action, and will be based on

a demonstration that the pilot met the benchmarks set for success that are established in this Notice and Implementing Instructions.

Dated: September 20, 2019.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Transmittal No. 19–0H]

Arms Sales Notification

AGENCY: Defense Security Cooperation Agency, Department of Defense.

ACTION: Arms sales notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Defense is publishing the unclassified text of an arms sales notification.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Karma Job at karma.d.job.civ@mail.mil or (703) 697–8976.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This 36(b)(5)(C) arms sales notification is published to fulfill the requirements of section 155 of Public Law 104–164 dated July 21, 1996. The following is a copy of a letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Transmittal 19–0H with attached Policy Justification.

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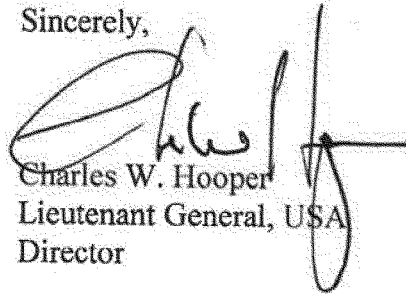
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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the House
U.S. House of Representatives
H-209, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Madam Speaker:

Pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(5)(C) of the Arms Export Control Act (AECA), as amended, we are forwarding Transmittal No. 19-0H. This report relates to enhancements or upgrades from the level of sensitivity of technology or capability described in the Section 36(b)(1) AECA certification 16-01 of December 16, 2015.

Sincerely,



Charles W. Hooper
Lieutenant General, USA
Director

Enclosures:

1. Transmittal

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Transmittal No. 19-0H

*REPORT OF ENHANCEMENT OR
UPGRADE OF SENSITIVITY OF
TECHNOLOGY OR CAPABILITY (SEC.
36(B)(5)(C), AECA)*

(i) *Purchaser:* Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office (TECRO)

(ii) *Sec. 36(b)(1), AECA Transmittal No.:* 16-01

Date: December 16, 2015

Military Department: Army

(iii) *Description:* On December 16, 2015, Congress was notified by Congressional certification transmittal number 16-01, of the possible sale under

Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act of seven hundred sixty-nine (769) TOW 2B Aero Radio Frequency (RF) Missiles (BGM-71F-Series). This proposed sale also includes fourteen (14) Radio Frequency (RF) TOW 2B Aero (BGM-71F-Series) Fly-to-Buy Missiles for lot acceptance testing, forty-six (46) Improved Target Acquisition System (ITAS) Launchers, four (4) Improved Target Acquisition System (ITAS) launcher spares, Missile Support Equipment, Government-Furnished Equipment, Technical Manuals/Publications, Spare Parts, Tool and Test Equipment, Trainers, Training, U.S. Government Technical Support/

Integrated Logistical Support, Contractor Technical Support, and other associated equipment and services. The estimated total cost was \$268 million. Major Defense Equipment (MDE) constituted \$237 million of this total.

This transmittal notifies the inclusion of the following MDE items: 1) an additional one thousand two hundred forty (1,240) TOW 2B Aero, Radio Frequency (RF) missiles (BGM-71F-Series); 2) an additional fourteen (14) TOW 2B Aero, Radio Frequency (RF) missiles (BGM-71F-Series) Fly-to-Buy missiles; 3) an additional fifty-eight (58) Improved Target Acquisition System (ITAS); and 4) one hundred (100)

M1167A1B1 HMMWVs. Also included are missile support equipment, government-furnished equipment, technical manuals/publications, spare parts, tool and test equipment, training, U.S. Government technical support/logistical support, contractor technical support, and other related elements of logistics and program support. These inclusions will increase the MDE value by \$241.2 million resulting in a new MDE cost of \$478.2 million. The new total case value will be \$567.2 million.

(iv) *Significance*: This notification will allow the recipient to improve its security and defensive capability.

(v) *Justification*: This proposed sale serves U.S. national, economic, and security interests by supporting the recipient's continuing efforts to modernize its armed forces and enhance its defensive capability. The proposed sale will help improve the security of

the recipient and assist in maintaining political stability, military balance, and economic progress in the region.

(vi) *Sensitivity of Technology*: The statement contained in the original AECA 36(b)(1) transmittal applies to the MDE items reported here.

(vii) *Date Report Delivered to Congress*: July 8, 2019

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

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Dated: September 20, 2019.

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