

TRICARE Policy Manual 6010.54-M, August 2002 Edition

The TRICARE Policy Manual (TPM) is incorporated by reference in the Managed Care Support Services (MCSS) contracts and is the principal vehicle for operating guidelines and instructions. The TPM provides a mechanism for keeping the contracts current by clarifying or modifying existing contractual requirements, adding new specifications/requirements and deleting obsolete information. The TPM, in conjunction with the August 2002 TRICARE Reimbursement Manual, provides guidance, policy interpretation and decisions implementing TRICARE, including those policies and procedures applicable to the Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services (CHAMPUS). The TPM contains operational policy necessary to implement Title 32 to the Code of Federal Regulations Part 199 (32 CFR 199). This manual augments the 32 CFR 199 and must be used in conjunction for complete policy information.

A listed procedure may be cost-shared only when the contractor determines the procedure is appropriate medical care, is medically or psychologically necessary, is not unproven (see the TPM, Chapter 1, Section 2.1), and the TPM does not explicitly exclude or limit cost-sharing of the procedure.







This manual is valid for contracts awarded on or after May 1, 2003.


The August 1, 2002 edition of the TPM, 6010.54-M, is available online. This edition supersedes the June 25, 1999 edition. All changes to the June 25, 1999 edition (through Change 22 dated April 30, 2004) have been incorporated.




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