

DoD beneficiaries who reside in the catchment areas of the designated STS facilities must be evaluated by the appropriate facility prior to receiving TRICARE/CHAMPUS cost sharing for procedures that fall under the above Diagnosis Related Groups. Evaluation in person is preferred, and travel and lodging expenses for the evaluation will be reimbursed as stated above. It may be possible to conduct the evaluation telephonically if the patient is unable to travel to the appropriate facility. If a needed procedure cannot be performed by one of the above facilities, HMHS will provide a medical necessity review prior to issuance of a Nonavailability Statement or other similar authorizations. The Catchment Area for each transplant STS includes zip codes within TRICARE Regions 3 and 4 that fall within a 200 mile radius of the facility.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 1, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Richard Mancini, Director of Network Development, Humana Military Healthcare Services, Inc., 500 West Main St., Louisville, KY 40202, telephone (502) 580-1538; LCDR Leesa Kent, Office of the Lead Agent, TRICARE Region 3, (706) 787-3016; Colonel Joe Taylor, Office of the Lead Agent, TRICARE Region 4, (228) 377-9643; Lt. Col. Teresa Sommese, TRICARE Management Activity, (703) 681-3628, extension 5029; or Mr. Tariq Shahid, TRICARE Management Activity, (303) 676-3801.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In FR DOC 93-27050, appearing in the **Federal Register** on November 5, 1993 (Vol. 58, FR 58955-58964), the final rule on the STS Program was published. Included in the final rule was a provision that a notice of all military and civilian STS facilities be published in the **Federal Register** annually. This notice is issued under the authority of 10 U.S.C. 1105 and 32 CFR 199.4(a)(10).

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Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

TRICARE; the Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services (CHAMPUS); Specialized Treatment Services (STS) Program

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice is to advise interested parties that David Grant Medical Center (DGMC), Fairfield, California, has been designated a regional Specialized Treatment Services Facility (STSF) for Neurosurgery, General Surgery, Cardiovascular Surgery, Orthopedic Surgery and Gynecology for TRICARE Region 10. The application for this STSF designation was submitted by the Lead Agent for TRICARE Region 10 and approved by the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs). The Lead Agent will ensure that the STSF maintains the quality and standards required for specialized treatment services. This designation covers the following Diagnostic Related Groups:

- 001—Craniotomy, Age Greater than 17, Except for Trauma
- 003—Craniotomy, Age 0-17
- 004—Spinal Procedures
- 049—Major Head and Neck Procedures
- 110—Major Cardiovascular Procedures with CC
- 111—Major Cardiovascular Procedures without CC
- 191—Pancreas, Liver and Shunt Procedures with CC
- 209—Major Joint and Limb Reattachment Procedures of Lower Extremity
- 286—Adrenal and Pituitary Procedures
- 357—Uterine and Adnexa Procedures for Ovarian or Adnexal Malignancy
- 491—Major Joint and Limb Reattachment Procedures of Upper Extremity

DoD beneficiaries who reside in the DGMC STS Catchment Area for TRICARE Region 10 must be evaluated by DGMC before receiving TRICARE/CHAMPUS cost sharing for the procedures that fall under the above Diagnostic Related Groups. Travel and lodging for the patient and, if stated to be medically necessary by a referring physician, for one nonmedical attendant, will be reimbursed by DGMC in accordance with the provisions of the Joint Federal Travel Regulation. Although evaluation in person is preferred, it is possible to conduct the evaluation telephonically if the patient is unable to travel to DGMC. If the procedure cannot be performed at DGMC, the facility will provide a medical necessity review prior to issuance of a Nonavailability Statement. The DGMC STS Catchment Area covering TRICARE Region 10 is defined by zip codes in the Defense Medical Information System STS Facilities Catchment Area Directory. The Catchment Area includes zip codes within TRICARE Region 10 in California

that fall within a 200 mile radius of DGMC.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Colonel Steve Jennings, DGMC, (707) 423-7828; or Lieutenant Colonel Pamela Cygan, Office of the Lead Agent, TRICARE Region 10, (707) 424-6533; or Lieutenant Colonel Teresa Sommese, TRICARE Management Activity, (703) 681-3628, extension 5029; or Mr. Tariq Shahid, TRICARE Management Activity, (303) 676-3801.

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Office of the Secretary

TRICARE; the Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services (CHAMPUS); Specialized Treatment Services (STS) Program

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice is to advise interested parties that Naval Medical Center, San Diego (NMCS), has been designated a regional Specialized Treatment Services Facility (STSF) for TRICARE Region Nine. The application for this STSF designation was submitted by the Lead Agent for TRICARE Region Nine and approved by the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs). The Lead Agent will ensure that the STSF maintains the quality and standards required for specialized treatment services. This designation covers the following Diagnostic Related Groups:

- 001—Craniotomy, Age Greater than 17, Except for Trauma
- 003—Craniotomy, Age 0-17
- 004—Spinal Procedures
- 049—Major Head and Neck Procedures
- 104—Cardiac Valve Procedure with Cardiac Catheterization
- 105—Cardiac Valve Procedure without Cardiac Catheterization

- 106—Coronary Bypass with Cardiac Catheterization
- 107—Coronary Bypass without Cardiac Catheterization
- 110—Major Cardiovascular Procedures with CC
- 111—Major Cardiovascular Procedures without CC
- 191—Pancreas, Liver and Shunt Procedures with CC
- 209—Major Joint and Limb Reattachment Procedures of Lower Extremity
- 286—Adrenal and Pituitary Procedures
- 357—Uterine and Adnexa Procedures for Ovarian or Adnexal Malignancy
- 491—Major Joint and Limb Reattachment of Upper Extremity

DoD beneficiaries who reside in the NMCS D STS Catchment Area for TRICARE Region Nine must be evaluated by NMCS D before receiving TRICARE/CHAMPUS cost sharing for the procedures that fall under the above Diagnostic Related Groups. Travel and lodging for the patient and, if stated to be medically necessary by a referring physician, for one nonmedical attendant, will be reimbursed by NMCS D in accordance with the provisions of the Joint Federal Travel Regulation. Although evaluation in person is preferred, it is possible to conduct the evaluation telephonically if the patient is unable to travel to NMCS D. If the procedure cannot be performed at NMCS D, the TRICARE Managed Care Support Contractor for Region Nine will provide a medical necessity review prior to issuance of a Nonavailability Statement or other similar authorizations. The NMCS D Catchment Area covering TRICARE Region Nine is defined by zip codes in the Defense Medical Information System STS Facilities Catchment Area Directory. The Catchment Area includes zip codes within TRICARE Region Nine in California and Yuma, Arizona, that fall within a 200 mile radius of NMCS D.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: LT Karen Leahy, NMCS D, (619) 532-5344; or Major Kelly Wolgast, Office of the Lead Agent, TRICARE Region Nine, (619) 532-6169; or Lt. Col. Teresa Sommese, TRICARE Management Activity, (703) 681-3628, extension 5029; or Mr. Tariq Shahid, TRICARE Management Activity, (303) 676-3801.

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Office of the Secretary

TRICARE; the Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services (CHAMPUS); Specialized Treatment Services (STS) Program

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice is to advise interested parties that National Naval Medical Center (NNMC), Bethesda, Maryland, Walter Reed Army Medical Center (WRAMC), Washington, DC, and Malcolm Grow Medical Center (MGMC), Andrews Air Force Base, Maryland, have been designated as the components of a Regional Specialized Treatment Services Facility (STSF) for General Surgery and Orthopedic Surgery for TRICARE Region 1. NNMC and WRAMC have been designated as the components of a Regional STSF for Neurosurgery, Otorhinolaryngology Surgery, and Gynecologic Oncology Surgery for TRICARE Region 1. The application for the STSF designation for these facilities was submitted by the Lead Agent for TRICARE Region 1 and approved by the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs). The Lead Agent will ensure that these facilities maintain the quality and standards required for specialized treatment services. The designation covers the following Diagnostic Related Groups:

General Surgery

- 191—Pancreas, Liver and Shunt Procedures with CC
- 286—Adrenal and Pituitary Procedures (adrenal only)

Orthopedic Surgery

- 209—Major joint/limb reattachment procedures lower extremity
- 491—Major joint/limb reattachment procedures upper extremity

Neurosurgery

- 001—Craniotomy, age greater than 17 except for trauma
- 003—Craniotomy, age 0-17
- 004—Spinal procedures
- 286—Adrenal and pituitary procedures (pituitary only)

Otorhinolaryngology Surgery

- 049—Major Head and Neck procedures

Gynecologic Oncology Surgery

- 357—Uterine and Adnexa procedures for Ovarian or Adnexal Malignancy

Travel and lodging for the patient and, if stated to be medically necessary by a referring physician, for one nonmedical attendant, will be reimbursed by NNMC, WRAMC, or MGMC in accordance with the provisions of the Joint Federal Travel Regulation. DOD beneficiaries who reside in the STS catchment area for TRICARE Region 1 must be evaluated by NNMC, WRAMC, or MGMC before receiving TRICARE/CHAMPUS cost sharing for General Surgery and Orthopedic Surgery procedures that fall under the above Diagnosis Related Groups. These Region 1 beneficiaries must be evaluated by NNMC or WRAMC before receiving TRICARE/CHAMPUS cost sharing for Neurosurgery, Otorhinolaryngology Surgery, and Gynecologic Oncology Surgery procedures that fall under the above Diagnosis Related Groups. Evaluation in person is preferred, and travel and lodging expenses for the evaluation will be reimbursed as stated above. It is possible to conduct the evaluation telephonically if the patient is unable to travel to NNMC, WRAMC, or MGMC. If the procedure cannot be performed at NNMC, WRAMC, or MGMC, the facility will provide a medical necessity review prior to issuance of a Nonavailability Statement.

The STS Catchment Area covering TRICARE Region 1 is defined by zip codes in the Defense Medical Information System STS Facilities Catchment Area Directory. The Catchment Area includes zip codes within TRICARE Region 1 in the states of Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and the District of Columbia that fall within a 200 mile radius of the midpoint of a line between WRAMC and NNMC.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: CDR W. Isley (NNMC) at (301) 295-6195, Ms. Kendra Drew (WRAMC) at (202) 782-4302, Capt. R. Warwar (MGMC) at (301) 981-2475, CAPT D. Michael Jones (TRICARE Region 1 Lead Agent Office) at (202) 782-1483, Lt. Col. Teresa Sommese, (TRICARE Management Activity) at (703) 681-3628, extension 5029; or Mr. Tariq Shahid, (TRICARE Management Activity) at (303) 676-3801.

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