

**PART 229—AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS
AND COLLECTION OF CHECKS
(REGULATION CC)**

■ 1. The authority citation for part 229 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 12 U.S.C. 4001 *et seq.*

■ 2. The Fifth, Seventh, and Tenth Federal Reserve District routing symbol lists in appendix A are revised to read as follows:

**Appendix A to Part 229—Routing
Number Guide to Next-Day Availability
Checks and Local Checks**

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Fifth Federal Reserve District

[Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond]

Baltimore Branch

0510	2510
0514	2514
0520	2520
0521	2521
0522	2522
0540	2540
0550	2550
0560	2560
0570	2570

Charlotte Branch

0530	2530
0531	2531

Columbia Office

0532	2532
0539	2539

Charleston Office

0515	2515
0519	2519

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Seventh Federal Reserve District

[Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago]

Head Office

0710	2710
0711	2711
0712	2712
0719	2719

Detroit Branch

0720	2720
0724	2724

Des Moines Office

0730	2730
0739	2739
1040	3040
1041	3041
1049	3049

Indianapolis Office

0740	2740
0749	2749

Milwaukee Office

0750	2750
0759	2759

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Tenth Federal Reserve District

[Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City]

Head Office

1010	3010
1011	3011
1012	3012
1019	3019

Denver Branch

1020	3020
1021	3021
1022	3022
1023	3023
1070	3070

Oklahoma City Branch

1030	3030
1031	3031
1039	3039

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By order of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, acting through the Secretary of the Board under delegated authority, February 6, 2004.

Jennifer J. Johnson,

Secretary of the Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

32 CFR Part 199

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**TRICARE; Civilian Health and Medical
Program of the Uniformed Services
(CHAMPUS); Appeals and Hearings
Procedures, Formal Review**

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, DoD.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This final rule makes administrative corrections to the 32 CFR part 199, section 199.10, "Appeal and Hearing Procedures." These corrections include revising § 199.10, adding paragraphs (c)(1) through (c)(5), and making other minor editorial changes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 1, 1983.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gail L. Jones, Medical Benefits and Reimbursement Systems, TRICARE Management Activity (TMA), telephone (303) 676-3401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Paragraphs (c)(1) through (c)(5) were inadvertently omitted when the July 1, 1991, edition of the 32 CFR was published. The discovery that the formal review process was missing from § 199.10 occurred at the time that TRICARE was tasked to promulgate an

appeal process for TRICARE Claimcheck denials.

The appeals procedures found in this final rule reflect the appeals process as it has continuously existed and been administered by the Department of Defense since its original effective date of May 1, 1983. This final rule is being published solely to reflect the inadvertent omission by the United States Government Printing Office of these procedures in 32 CFR part 199. This correction to § 199.10 is made in an effort to ensure that any party to an initial determination or reconsideration decision who may want to request a formal review is aware of these procedures.

II. Public Comments

We published this rule on March 13, 2003, as an interim final rule, with a 60-day comment period, and received no public comments.

III. Changes in the Final Rule

Additional administrative changes were made to correct designated paragraphs in (a)(8)(ii)(A) through (B). We have redesignated these paragraphs to (a)(8)(ii)(A) through (C).

IV. Rulemaking Procedures

Executive Order 12866 requires certain regulatory assessments for any "significant regulatory action" defined as one, which would result in an annual effect on the economy of \$100 million or more, or have other substantial impacts.

The Regulatory Flexibility Act (RFA) requires that each Federal agency prepare, and make available for public comment, a regulatory flexibility analysis when the agency issues a regulation which would have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities.

This rule has been designated as a significant rule and has been reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget as required under the provisions of Executive Order 12866. The Department of Defense certifies that this final rule would not have a significant impact on small business entities.

This rule will not impose additional information collection requirements on the public under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980 (44 U.S.C. 3501-3511).

This rule is being issued as a final rule.

List of Subjects in 32 CFR Part 199

Claims, Health insurance, Individuals with disabilities, Dental Health, Military personnel.

■ Accordingly, 32 CFR part 199 is amended as follows:

PART 199—[AMENDED]

■ 1. The authority citation for part 199 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 301; 10 U.S.C. chapter 55.

■ 2. Section 199.10 is amended by redesignating both paragraphs (a)(8)(ii)(A) and paragraph (a)(8)(ii)(B) as paragraphs (a)(8)(ii)(A) through (a)(8)(ii)(C), by revising paragraph (b) introductory text, and by republishing paragraph (c) to read as follows:

§ 199.10 Appeals and hearing procedures.

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(b) *Reconsideration.* Any party to the initial determination made by the CHAMPUS contractor, or a CHAMPUS peer review organization may request reconsideration.

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(c) *Formal review.* Except as explained in this paragraph, any party to an initial determination made by OCHAMPUS, or a reconsideration determination made by the CHAMPUS contractor, may request a formal review by OCHAMPUS if the party is dissatisfied with the initial or reconsideration determination unless the initial or reconsideration determination is final under paragraph (b)(5) of this section; involves the sanctioning of a provider by the exclusion, suspension or termination of authorized provider status; involves a written decision issued pursuant to § 199.9(h)(1)(iv)(A) regarding the temporary suspension of claims processing; or involves a reconsideration determination by a CHAMPUS peer review organization. A hearing, but not a formal review level or appeal, may be available to a party to an initial determination involving the sanctioning of a provider or to a party to a written decision involving a temporary suspension of claims processing. A beneficiary (or an authorized representative of a beneficiary), but not a provider (except as provided in § 199.15), may request a hearing, but not a formal review, of a reconsideration determination made by a CHAMPUS peer review organization.

(1) *Requesting a formal review.* (i) *Written request required.* The request must be in writing, shall state the specific matter in dispute, shall include copies of the written determination (notice of reconsideration determination of OCHAMPUS initial determination) being appealed, and shall include any additional information or documents not submitted previously.

(ii) *Where to file.* The request shall be submitted to the Chief, Office of Appeals and Hearings, TRICARE Management Activity, 16401 East Centredtech Parkway, Aurora, Colorado 80011–9066.

(iii) *Allowed time to file.* The request shall be mailed within 60 days after the date of the notice of the reconsideration determination or OCHAMPUS initial determination being appealed.

(iv) *Official filing date.* A request for a formal review shall be deemed filed on the date it is mailed and postmarked. If the request does not have a postmark, it shall be deemed filed on the date received by OCHAMPUS.

(2) *The formal review process.* The purpose of the formal review is to determine whether the initial determination or reconsideration determination was made in accordance with law, regulation, policies, and guidelines in effect at the time the care was provided or requested or at the time of the initial determination, reconsideration, or formal review decision involving a provider request for approval as an authorized CHAMPUS provider. The formal review is performed by the Chief, Office of Appeals and Hearings, OCHAMPUS, or a designee, and is a thorough review of the case. The formal review determination shall be based on the information, upon which the initial determination and/or reconsideration determination was based, and any additional information the appealing party may submit or OCHAMPUS may obtain.

(3) *Timeliness of formal review determination.* The Chief, Office of Appeals and Hearings, OCHAMPUS, or a designee normally shall issue the formal review determination no later than 90 days from the date of receipt of the request for formal review by OCHAMPUS.

(4) *Notice of formal review determination.* The Chief, Office of Appeals and Hearings, OCHAMPUS, or a designee shall issue a written notice of the formal review determination to the appealing party at his or her last known address. The notice of the formal review determination must contain the following elements:

(i) A statement of the issue or issues under appeal.

(ii) The provisions of law, regulation, policies, and guidelines that apply to the issue or issues under appeal.

(iii) A discussion of the original and additional information that is relevant to the issue or issues under appeal.

(iv) Whether the formal review upholds the prior determination or determinations or reverses the prior

determination or determinations in whole or in part and the rationale for the action.

(v) A statement of the right to request a hearing in any case when the formal review determination is less than fully favorable, the issue is appealable, and the amount in dispute is \$300 or more.

(5) *Effect of formal review determination.* The formal review determination is final if one or more of the following exist:

(i) The issue is not appealable. (See paragraph (a)(6) of this section.)

(ii) The amount in dispute is less than \$300. (See paragraph (a)(7) of this section.)

(iii) Appeal rights have been offered but a request for hearing is not received by OCHAMPUS within 60 days of the date of the notice of the formal review determination.

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Dated: February 5, 2004.

L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Parts 1 and 27

[WT Docket No. 00–230; DA 04–75]

Promoting Efficient Use of Spectrum Through Elimination of Barriers to the Development of Secondary Markets

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Final rule; delay of effective date.

SUMMARY: The effective date of various rules adopted in the Secondary Markets Proceeding, WT Docket No. 00–230, that was otherwise scheduled to become effective at an earlier date, has been delayed because this rule has been classified as a major rule subject to congressional review.

DATES: The effective date of the rules published on November 25, 2003 at 68 FR 66252, except for the amendments to §§ 1.913(a), 1.913(a)(3), 1.2002(d), 1.2003, 1.9003, 1.9020(e), 1.9030(e) and 1.9035(e), was delayed from January 26, 2004 to February 2, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Katherine M. Harris, Mobility Division, at 202–418–0620.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a summary of the Commission's *Public Notice*, DA 04–75, released on January