

Responses Per Respondent: 1.
Annual Responses: 511,232
Average Burden Per Response: 2.5 minutes.

Annual Burden Hours: 20,961.
Needs and Uses: The information contained in the DD Form 2569 will be used to collect reimbursement from private insurers for medical care provided to family members of retirees and deceased Service members having health insurance. Such monetary benefits accruing to the Military Treatment Facility (MTF) will be used to enhance healthcare delivery in the MTF. Information will also be used by MTF staff and CHAMPUS Fiscal Intermediaries to determine eligibility for care, deductibles, and co-payments and by Health Affairs for program planning and management.

Affected Public: Individuals or Households.

Frequency: On Occasion and Annually.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.
OMB Desk Officer: Mr. John Finley. Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to Mr. Finley at the Office of Management and Budget, Desk Officer for DoD Health Affairs, Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

DoD Clearance Officer: Ms. Jacqueline Davis.

Written requests for copies of the information collection proposal should be sent to Ms. Davis, WHS/DIOR, 1215 Jefferson Davis Highway, Suite 1204, Arlington, VA 22202-4302.

Dated: October 29, 2003.

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Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice. The Department of Defense has submitted to OMB for clearance, the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by December 12, 2003.

Title and OMB Number: Application for Commission in the U.S. Navy/U.S. Naval Reserve; OMB Number 0703-0029.

Type of Request: Reinstatement.
Number of Respondents: 10,000.
Responses Per Respondent: 1.
Annual Responses: 10,000.
Average Burden Per Response: 55 minutes (average).

Annual Burden Hours: 9,167.

Needs and Uses: All persons interested in entering the U.S. Navy or the U.S. Naval Reserve in a commissioned status must provide various personal data in order for a Selection Board to determine their qualifications for naval service and for specific fields of endeavor which the applicant intends to pursue. This information is used to recruit and select applicants who are qualified for commission in the U.S. Navy or U.S. Naval Reserve.

Affected Public: Individuals or Households.

Frequency: On Occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

OMB Desk Officer: Ms. Jacqueline Zeiher. Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to Ms. Zeiher at the Office of Management and Budget, Desk Officer for DoD, Room 10236, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

DoD Clearance Officer: Ms. Jacqueline Davis. Written requests for copies of the information collection proposal should be sent to Ms. Davis, WHS/DIOR, 1215 Jefferson Davis Highway, Suite 1204, Arlington, VA 22202-4302.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Nationwide TRICARE Demonstration Project

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs/TRICARE Management Activity, DoD.

ACTION: Notice extending deadline for demonstration project.

SUMMARY: On Monday, November 5, 2001, the Department of Defense (DoD) published a notice of a nationwide TRICARE demonstration project (66 FR 55928-55930). This notice is to advise interested parties of the continuation of the demonstration project in which the DoD Military Health System addresses unreasonable impediments to the

continuity of healthcare encountered by certain family members of Reservists and National Guardsmen called to active duty in support of a federal/contingency operation. The demonstration previously scheduled to end on November 1, 2003, is now extended through October 31, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT

Office of the Assistance Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs, TRICARE Management Activity, Communications and Customer Service Directorate at (703) 681-1774.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The continued deployment of over 160,000 troops in support of Noble Eagle/Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom in FY 2003 and FY 2004 warrants the continuation of the demonstration to support the healthcare needs and morale of family members of activated reservists and guardsmen. The impact if the demonstration is not extended includes higher out-of-pocket costs and potential inability to continue to use the same provider for ongoing care. There are three separate components to the demonstration. First, those who participate in TRICARE Standard will not be responsible for paying the TRICARE Standard deductible. By law, the TRICARE Standard deductible for active duty dependents is \$150 per individual, \$300 per family (\$50/\$150 for E-4's and below). Second, TRICARE payments up to 115 percent of the TRICARE maximum allowable charge, less the applicable patient co-payment, for care received from a provider that does not participate (accept assignment) under TRICARE to the extent necessary to ensure timely access to care and clinically appropriate continuity of care. Third, waiver of the non-availability statement requirement for non-emergency inpatient care. At the end of this Project, DoD will conduct an analysis of the benefits and costs of providing healthcare services to certain Service members and their families when called to active duty during a contingently operation. Information and experience gained as part of this demonstration project will provide the foundation for longer-term solutions in the event of future national emergencies. This demonstration project is being conducted under the authority of 10 U.S.C. 1092.

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