

Payment System; and the updated per diem rates for both full-day and half-day TRICARE Partial Hospitalization Programs for fiscal year 2006.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The fiscal year 2006 rates contained in this notice are effective for services occurring on or after October 1, 2005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christine Covie, Office of Medical Benefits and Reimbursement Systems, TRICARE Management Activity, telephone (303) 676-3841.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The final rule published in the **Federal Register** on September 6, 1988, (53 FR 34285) set forth reimbursement changes that were effective for all inpatient hospital admissions in psychiatric hospitals and exempt psychiatric units occurring on or after January 1, 1989. The final rule published in the **Federal Register** on July 1, 1993 (58 FR 35-400), set forth maximum per diem rates for all partial hospitalization admissions on or after September 29, 1993. Included in these final rules were provisions for updating reimbursement rates for each federal fiscal year. As stated in the final rules, each per diem shall be updated by the Medicare update factor for hospitals and units exempt from the Medicare Prospective Payment System. For fiscal year 2006, Medicare has recommended

a rate of increase of 3.8 percent for hospitals and units excluded from the prospective payment system. TRICARE will adopt this update factor for FY 2006 as the final update factor.

Hospitals and units with hospital-specific rates (hospitals and units with high TRICARE volume) and regional specific rates for psychiatric hospitals and units with low TRICARE volume will have their TRICARE rates for FY 2006 updated by 3.8 percent for FY 2006. Partial hospitalization rates for full day and half day programs will also be updated by 3.8 percent for FY 2006. The cap amount for high volume hospitals and units will also be updated by the 3.8 percent for FY 2006. The beneficiary cost-share for low volume hospitals and units will also be updated by the 3.8 percent for FY 2006.

Consistent with Medicare, the wage portion of the regional rate subject to the area wage adjustment is 71.035 percent for FY 2006. The following reflect an update of 3.8 percent for FY 2006:

REGIONAL SPECIFIC RATES FOR PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITALS AND UNITS WITH LOW TRICARE VOLUME

United States census region	Rate ¹
Northeast:	
New England	\$662
Mid-Atlantic	637
Midwest:	
East North Central	550
West North Central	519
South:	
South Atlantic	656
East South Central	701
West South Central	598
West:	
Mountain	597
Pacific	705
Puerto Rico	450

¹Wage portion of the rate, subject to the area wage adjustment 71.035 percent.

Beneficiary Cost-Share: Beneficiary cost-share (other than dependents of active duty members) for care paid on the basis of a regional per diem rate is the lower of \$175 per day or 25 percent of the hospital billed charges effective for services rendered on or after October 1, 2005.

Cap Amount: Updated cap amount for hospitals and units with high TRICARE volume is \$832 per day for FY 2006.

The following reflect an update of 3.8 percent for FY 2006.

PARTIAL HOSPITALIZATION RATES FOR FULL-DAY AND HALF-DAY PROGRAMS FY 2006

United States census region	Full-day rate (6 hours or more)	Half-day rate (3-5 hours)
Northeast:		
New England (ME, NH, VT, MA, RI, CT)	\$266	200
Mid-Atlantic (NY, NJ, PA)	288	216
Midwest:		
East North Central (OH, IN, IL, MI, WI)	253	190
West North Central (MN, IA, MO, ND, SD, NE, KS)	253	190
South:		
South Atlantic (DE, MD, DC, VA, WV, NC, SC, GA, FL)	273	205
East South Central (KY, TN, AL, MS)	295	221
West South Central (AR, LA, TX, OK)	295	211
West		
Mountain (MT, ID, WY, CO, NM, AZ, UT, NV)	298	224
Pacific (WA, OR, CA, AK, HI)	292	219
Puerto Rico	190	143

The above rates are effective for services rendered on or after October 1, 2005.

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Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Notice of the Defense Acquisition Performance Assessment Project Meetings

AGENCY: Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), Public Law 96-463, notice is hereby given that

the Defense Acquisition Performance Assessment (DAPA) Project will hold a public meeting at the Anteon Conference Center, 1560 Wilson Blvd., Suite 400, Arlington, VA 22209, on December 14, 2005.

Purpose: Final DAPA Project Panel Meeting. Panel members will present to the public the Panel's recommendations for acquisition system performance improvements for the Department of Defense. Any interested citizens are encouraged to attend the meetings open

to the public, subject to the availability of space.

DATES: December 14, 2005, 2 p.m.–4 p.m.

This notice is being published in less than the 15 calendar days required by law due to short notice changes in panel and DAPA staff schedules.

Location: Anteon Conference Center, 1560 Wilson Blvd., Suite 400, Arlington, VA 22209.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Any member of the public wishing further information concerning this meeting or wishing to submit comments must contact: Lt Col Rene Bergeron, Assistant Director of Staff, Defense Acquisition Performance Assessment Project, 1010 Defense Pentagon, Rm 3A873, Washington, DC 20330–1670. Telephone: (703) 697–3420. DSN: 225–3420. Fax: (703) 697–3511. rene.bergeron@pentagon.af.mil.

Dated: December 2, 2005.

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Department of Defense.*

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Privacy Act of 1874; System of Records

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, DoD.

ACTION: Notice to add a system of records; correction.

SUMMARY: On Wednesday, November 23, 2005 (70 FR 70789), the Department of Defense published a System of Records Privacy Act notice. This notice corrects the telephone number for the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** for that notice. The telephone number for Ms. Juanita Irvin is corrected to read 703–696–4940. All other information remains unchanged.

Dated: December 2, 2005.

L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.

ACTION: Notice to amend a system of records.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Army is proposing to amend a system of records notice in its existing inventory of records systems subject to the Privacy Act of 1974, (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended.

DATES: This proposed action will be effective without further notice on January 9, 2006, unless comments are received which result in a contrary determination.

ADDRESSES: Department of the Army, Freedom of Information/Privacy Division, U.S. Army Records Management and Declassification Agency, ATTN: AHRC–PDD–FPZ, 7701 Telegraph Road, Casey Building, Suite 144, Alexandria, VA 22325–3905.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Janice Thornton at (703) 428–6497.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of the Army systems of records notices subject to the Privacy Act of 1974, (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended, have been published in the **Federal Register** and are available from the address above.

The specific changes to the records systems being amended are set forth below followed by the notices, as amended, published in their entirety. The proposed amendments are not within the purview of subsection (r) of the Privacy Act of 1974, (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended, which requires the submission of a new or altered system report.

Dated: November 30, 2005.

L.M. Bynum,

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SYSTEM NAME:

Freedom of Information Act Program Files (September 23, 2004, 69 FR 57005).

CHANGES:

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SYSTEM IDENTIFIER:

Delete system identifier and replace with: “A0025–55 OAA”.

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SYSTEM NAME:

Freedom of Information Act Program Files.

SYSTEM LOCATION:

Headquarters, Department of the Army, staff and field operating agencies,

major commands, installations and activities receiving requests to access records pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act or to declassify documents pursuant to E.O. 12958, National Classified Security Information, as amended. Official mailing addresses are published as an appendix to the Army’s compilation of record system notices.

CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:

Any individual who requests an Army record under the Freedom of Information Act, or requests mandatory review of a classified document pursuant to E.O. 12958, National Classified Security Information, as amended.

CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

Individual’s request, related papers, correspondence between office of receipt and records custodians, Army staff offices and other government agencies; retained copies of classified or other exempt materials; and other selective documents.

AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:

5 U.S.C. 552, Freedom of Information Act, as amended by Pub. L. 93–502; 5 U.S.C. 301, Departmental Regulations, 10 U.S.C. 3013, Secretary of the Army; Army Regulation 25–55, The Department of the Army Freedom of Information Act Program; and E.O. 12958, National Classified Security Information, as amended.

PURPOSE(S):

To control administrative processing of requests for information either pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act or to E.O. 12958, National Classified Security Information, as amended, including appeals from denials.

ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND THE PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:

In addition to those disclosures generally permitted under 5 U.S.C. 552a(b) of the Privacy Act, these records or information contained therein may specifically be disclosed outside the DoD as a routine use pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(b)(3) as follows:

The DoD ‘Blanket Routine Uses’ set forth at the beginning of the Army’s compilation of systems of records notices also apply to this system.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORING, RETRIEVING, ACCESSING, RETAINING, AND DISPOSING OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

STORAGE:

Paper records in file folders and electronic storage media.