

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

United States census region	Rate*
Northeast:	
New England	\$618
Mid-Atlantic	594
Midwest:	
East North Central	513
West North Central	484
South:	
South Atlantic	612
East South Central	663
West South Central	558
West:	
Mountain	557
Pacific	657

*Wage portion of the rate, subject to the area wage adjustment: 71.56 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 \$164 per day or 25 percent of the hospital billed charges effective for services rendered on or after October 1, 2003

Cap Amount: Updated cap amount for hospitals and units with high TRICARE volume is \$776 per day for FY 2004.

The following reflect an update of 3.4 percent for FY 2004.

PARTIAL HOSPITALIZATION RATES FOR FULL-DAY AND HALF-DAY PROGRAMS FY 2004

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)	\$248	\$186
Mid-Atlantic (NY, NJ, PA)	268	201
Midwest:		
East North Central (OH, IN, IL, MI, WI)	236	177
West North Central (MN, IA, MO, ND, SD, NE, KS)	236	177
South:		
South Atlantic (DE, MD, DC, VA, NY, NC, SC, GA, FL) ..	255	191

PARTIAL HOSPITALIZATION RATES FOR FULL-DAY AND HALF-DAY PROGRAMS FY 2004—Continued

United States census region	Full-day rate (6 hours or more)	Half-day rate (3–5 hours)
East South Central (KY, TN, AL, MS) ..	275	206
West South Central (AR, LA, TX, OK) ..	275	206
West:		
Mountain (MT, ID, WY, CO, NM, AZ, UT, NV) ..	278	209
Pacific (WA, OR, CA, AK, HI) ...	272	204

The above rates are effective for services rendered on or after December 1, 2003.

Dated: September 22, 2003.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Defense Science Board

AGENCY: Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice of advisory committee meeting cancellations.

SUMMARY: The Defense Science Board Task Force on Enabling Joint Force Capabilities meeting scheduled for September 22, 2003, was canceled due to Hurricane Isabel. The follow-on meeting on September 29, 2003, has also been canceled.

Dated: September 22, 2003.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

United States European Command Senior Advisory Group

AGENCY: United States European Command, DoD

ACTION: Notice of closed meeting.

SUMMARY: The United States European Command Senior Advisory Group (USEUCOM SAG) will meet in closed session on October 6 and 7, 2003 at the National Defense University in Washington, DC. The two-day meeting will be discussing issues regarding the European Theater Transformation Campaign Plan and such material cannot be segregated without defeating the purpose of the meeting. Access to the information will be limited to personnel with the specific clearances and need-to-know.

This meeting will include classified matters within the meaning of the Federal Advisory Committee Act in accordance with 5 U.S.C., App 2, Section 10(d), 5 U.S.C., Section 552b(c), and Executive Order 12958 dated April 17, 1995.

DATES: October 6 and 7, 2003.

ADDRESSES: National Defense University, Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. J. Mahar, (703) 614–6465.

Dated: September 17, 2003.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Deputy Secretary of Defense Policy Memorandum, Subject: Ensuring the Quality of Information Disseminated to the Public by the Department of Defense, Dated February 10, 2003

AGENCY: Assistant Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: This notice is being published to notify interested persons of a new Web site address. The Department of Defense Memorandum, previously available at a different address, providing final guidelines for ensuring and maximizing the quality, objectivity, utility, and integrity of information disseminated to the public are available on Web site: <http://www.defenselink.mil/pubs/>. The Department of Defense published an earlier notice of availability for these guidelines on March 26, 2003 (68 FR 14599).

DATES: February 10, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Ms. Janet Unger, OASD (PA), Office of the Assistant Secretary of

Defense for Public Affairs, 1400 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-1400.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Janet Unger, OASD (PA), 703-428-0593, junger@hq.afis.osd.mil.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Air Force

Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records

AGENCY: Department of the Air Force, DoD.

ACTION: Notice to amend a system of records.

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

DATES: This proposed actions will be effective without further notice on October 29, 2003 unless comments are received which result in a contrary determination.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to the Air Force Privacy Act Manager, Office of the Chief Information Officer, AF-CIO/P, 1155 Air Force Pentagon, Washington, DC 20330-1155.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mrs. Anne Rollins at (703) 601-4043.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of the Air Force 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 system being amended are set forth below followed by the notice, as amended, published in its 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: September 17, 2003.

Patricia Toppings,
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SYSTEM NAME:

Commander Directed Inquiries (June 4, 2002, 67 FR 38487).

CHANGES:

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RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:

Delete entry and replace with 'Destroy 2 years after the case is closed.'

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SYSTEM NAME:

Commander Directed Inquiries.

SYSTEM LOCATION:

Commander Directed Inquiries are maintained at the installation where the Commander's office is located.

Information copies of a report are kept at the individual's organization and at other organizations which have an interest in a particular incident or problem involving that individual that is addressed in the report. Official Air Force mailing addresses are published as an appendix to the Air Force's compilation of record systems notices.

CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:

All persons who are subjects of reviews, inquiries, or investigations conducted under the inherent authority of a commander or director. All persons who are subjects of administrative command actions for which another system of records is not applicable.

CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

Commander-directed investigations; letters/transcriptions of complaints, allegations and queries; letters of appointment; reports of reviews, inquiries and investigations with supporting attachments, exhibits and photographs, record of interviews; witness statements; reports of legal review of case files, congressional responses; memoranda; letters and reports of findings and actions taken; letters to complainants and subjects of investigations; letters of rebuttal from subjects of investigations; finance, personnel; administration; adverse information, and technical reports; documentation of command action.

AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:

10 U.S.C. 8013, Secretary of the Air Force; 10 U.S.C. 164, Commanders of Combatant Commands; Air Force Instruction 51-604, Appointment to and Assumption of Command; Inherent authority of commanders to investigate matters or incidents under their jurisdiction or command.

PURPOSE(S):

Used to ensure just, thorough, and timely resolution and response to complaints, allegations, or queries, and

as a means of improving morale, welfare, good order, discipline, and efficiency of organizations, units, and personnel.

Portions of the inquiries or investigations may be used in evaluating an individual's overall performance and may be included in their military personnel records.

Documents received or prepared in anticipation of litigation are used by attorneys for the government to prepare for trials and hearings; to analyze evidence; to prepare for examination of witnesses; to prepare for argument before courts, magistrates, and investigating officers; and to advise commanders.

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

To governmental boards or agencies or health care professional societies or organizations if such record or document is needed to perform licensing or professional standards monitoring related to credentialed health care practitioners or licensed non-credentialed health care personnel who are or were members of the United States Air Force, and to medical institutions or organizations wherein such member has applied for or been granted authority or employment to provide health care services if such record or document is needed to assess the professional qualifications of such member.

To certifying and licensing bodies for professional certifications and accreditations not related to health care.

The DoD "Blanket Routine Uses" set forth at the beginning of the Air Force's compilation of systems of records notices apply to this system.

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

STORAGE:

Maintained in file folders, in computers, and on computer output and storage products.

RETRIEVABILITY:

Retrieved by subject's name and Social Security Number.

SAFEGUARDS:

Records are accessed by person(s) responsible for servicing the record