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**MEMORANDUM FOR SURGEON GENERAL OF THE ARMY
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DIRECTOR, HEALTH AND SAFETY, U.S. COAST
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DIRECTOR, TRICARE REGIONAL OFFICE NORTH
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DIRECTOR, TRICARE AREA OFFICE-EUROPE
DIRECTOR, TRICARE AREA OFFICE-PACIFIC
DIRECTOR, TRICARE AREA OFFICE-LATIN AMERICA
AND CANADA**

SUBJECT: Enrollment of Active Duty Service Members in Appellate Leave Status

**Reference: Health Affairs Policy, 05-014, Policy Guidance for Active Duty Service
Member Enrollment to TRICARE Prime, August 19, 2005**

Enrollment to TRICARE Prime is mandatory for all active duty service members (ADSMs). This requirement does not end when the ADSM goes on appellate leave status. ADSMs in appellate leave status shall remain enrolled in TRICARE Prime until their separation or retirement date.

Since Service policies differ on how ADSMs in appellate leave status (those ADSMs whose courts martial sentence is pending appellate review) are managed, ADSMs in appellate leave status may transfer their enrollment to another MTF at the direction of the Services. ADSMs on appellate leave are not eligible for TRICARE Prime Remote (TPR) because they lack a permanent assignment to a TPR location.

The Services shall ensure ADSMs departing their final duty station are briefed about how they should access health care services while in appellate leave status.

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