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MEMORANDUM FOR: SURGEON GENERAL OF THE ARMY
SURGEON GENERAL OF THE NAVY
SURGEON GENERAL OF THE AIR FORCE

SUBJECT: Policy for Billing And Collecting for Ambulatory Procedure Visits in Medical Treatment Facilities

Implementation of DoDI 6025.8, Ambulatory Procedure Visits (APVs), has surfaced the issue of billing and collecting for APVs in our military treatment facilities (MTFs). This memorandum explains our APV billing policy.

For the purposes of this policy, there are fundamentally four categories of patients treated in our MTFs: active duty members, non-active duty beneficiaries without health insurance, non-active duty beneficiaries with health insurance, and not normally entitled beneficiaries (i.e., school teachers, contract employees overseas, and others).

The following policy applies to APV billing in MTFs. Active duty members are not billed. Non-active duty beneficiaries without health insurance are not billed. MTFs will bill the full rate to third party insurers of all non-active duty beneficiaries with other health insurance. Not normally entitled beneficiaries will be billed at the appropriate full or inter-agency rate. In FY97, the full and inter-agency APV rates are \$797 and \$746, respectively.

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