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MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR, JOINT STAFF  
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SURGEON GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
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SUBJECT: Policy Guidance for the Health Enrollment Assessment Review Program

This memorandum provides the Health Enrollment Assessment Review (HEAR) program guidance. This guidance supercedes Health Affairs (HA) Policy 99-00017, "Interim Policy Guidance for HEAR Program," June 17, 1999, which superceded HA policy 97-003, "Policy for TRICARE HEAR Survey," October 11, 1996 and HA Policy 98-027, "Put Prevention into Practice," March 31, 1998. Effective immediately, the requirement of HA Policy 99-00017 mandating administration of HEAR version 1.3 to TRICARE Prime enrollees upon initial enrollment is rescinded.

Each TRICARE region is encouraged to continue using existing HEAR 1.3 support as a catalyst for population health improvement and putting prevention into practice initiatives in accordance with the original intent of the HEAR.

The Services and the TRICARE Management Activity will develop an implementation plan for a health assessment process that specifically addresses the appropriate use of self-reported health information no later than May 2004.

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