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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE ARMY (M&RA)
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE NAVY (M&RA)
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE (SAF/MR)

SUBJECT: Implementation Guidance on Policy Clarification for Enrollment in
TRICARE Prime in Overseas TRICARE Regions

Reference: Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs) Clarification to HA Policy
97-052 (dated April 4, 2005)

On April 4, I signed Policy Clarification to HA Policy 97-052 on enrollment in TRICARE Prime overseas. This clarification stipulated that Active Duty Family Members (ADFMs) who choose to reside overseas but are not Command Sponsored, as defined in the Joint Federal Travel Regulation, and do not meet certain exceptions will not be eligible for enrollment in TRICARE Overseas Program (TOP) Prime or the TRICARE Global Remote Overseas (TGRO) program. These ADFMs would remain eligible for TRICARE Standard, TRICARE Plus, or space-available care when and where available.

This new Policy Clarification will be implemented no later than October 1, 2005. ADFMs who do not meet the new TRICARE Prime eligibility requirements but are enrolled in TOP Prime or TGRO prior to October 1 will remain enrolled for the duration of their sponsor's current overseas assignment.

The Implementation Guidance to the TRICARE Area Offices on this new policy clarification is attached. I request the Services make their personnel offices aware of this guidance and actively work toward notifying all personnel prior to going to their assignments overseas. My point of contact regarding this matter is Commander Dave Walton, who may be reached at (703) 681-0039.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "William Winkenwerder, Jr." in a cursive script.

William Winkenwerder, Jr., MD

Attachment:
As stated

cc:

Surgeon General (Army)

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