



HEALTH AFFAIRS

THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

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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 (M&RA)

SUBJECT: Medical Services Account Collections Credited in Year Received

Payments for Medical Services Account (MSA) services have previously been credited in the year of service. Authority exists in 10 U.S.C. 1095(g) to credit amounts collected on behalf of both covered beneficiaries and other than covered beneficiaries in the year of receipt, rather than the year of service. Thus, contrary to prior practice, all payments for MSA services may be credited in the year of receipt.

Effective January 1, 2006, Department of Defense (DoD) military treatment facilities (MTFs) shall credit MSA collections from a third-party payer or any other payer for health care services provided at or through MTFs in the year of receipt, rather than in the year the services were rendered.

The Military Departments shall begin reporting MSA billing, collections, and accounts receivable to the TMA Uniform Business Office as of January 31, 2006. Reports will be in the format provided on the UBO Web site at <http://tricare.osd.mil/rm/index.cfm?pageID=10> (drafts attached).

I request you take action to notify both your financial management and medical communities of this change. The end result of this Health Affairs Policy Memorandum is the ability of DoD MTFs to retain funds earned from their MSA program efforts to apply against MTF requirements.

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Attachment:
As stated

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Service Surgeons General

MTF DMIS ID	Service	Reporting Period	Accounts Receivable from date of service for:	0-30	31-60	61-120	121-180	181-365	greater than 365
			Family Member Rate					0	
			Civilian Emergency					0	
			Cosmetic Surgery					0	
			Veterans Affairs					0	
			Coast Guard					0	
			Public Health Service					0	
			National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration					0	
			Other Interagency					0	
			DoD Employees Overseas					0	
			International Military Education and Training					0	
			Medicare					0	
			Meal Sales					0	
			Surcharge Part 2					0	
			Copying Charge					0	
			Other (e.g., GITMO)					0	
			TOTALS	0	0	0	0	0	

MTF DMIS ID	Service (A, N, AF)	Reporting Period (Month/ Year)	Categories (based on PATCAT)	Balanced Accounts Receivable Prior Month	Current Month Sales	Accounts Transfered Out	Total Funds Collected	Outstanding Balance Accounts Receivable	Funds Collected But Not Deposited
			Family Member Rate					0.00	
			Civilian Emergency	0.00				0.00	
			Cosmetic Surgery					0.00	
			Veterans Affairs	0.00				0.00	
			Coast Guard					0.00	
			Public Health Service					0.00	
			National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration	0.00				0.00	
			Other Interagency					0.00	
			DoD Employees Overseas					0.00	
			International Military Education and Training	0.00				0.00	
			Medicare					0.00	
			Meal Sales					0.00	
			Surcharge Part 2					0.00	
			Copying Charge					0.00	
			Other (e.g., GITMO)						
			TOTALS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	