# ACTION MEMO

FOR: ALLEN W. MIDDLETON, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, DEFENSE HEALTH AFFAIRS

FROM: Robert Moss, Director, Chief, Budget and Resource Management (B&RM, Acting Director, Business Support Directorate

SUBJECT: Tortiously Liable Outpatient Medical, Dental and Cosmetic Surgery Services Reimbursement Rates for Calendar Year 2015

* The letter at TAB A forwards the complete and final reimbursement rates package for outpatient medical, dental and cosmetic surgery services for Calendar Year (CY) 2015 to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for publication in the *Federal Register* as charges to tortiously liable third parties.
* These rates should be updated annually to match the rates for all outpatient medical, dental and cosmetic surgery services.
* In the Military Health System, Medical Affirmative Claim is the activity associated with reimbursement for health care services from tortuously liable third persons.
* We continue to work with OMB to ensure that the text we propose is acceptable. RECOMMENDATION: That the CFO, DHA, sign the letter at TAB A.

COORDINATION: TAB B

Attachments:

As stated

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Dear Dr. Peroff:

 The enclosed announcement establishes the complete and final rates for use in connection with the recovery from tortiously liable third persons for the cost of outpatient medical, dental, and cosmetic surgery servicesfurnished by military treatment facilities through the Department of Defense. These are the reimbursement rates that were set on 1 July 2015, for billing medical insurers. Reimbursement rates for pharmacy services are updated more frequently. The rates can be found on the Defense Health Affairs (DHA) Uniform Business Office (UBO) Web site.

 DHA requests that this announcement be published in the ***Federal Register*** and that the rates be effective immediately upon publication. These rates shall remain in effect until further notice.

My point of contact for this issue is DeLisa Prater, DHA UBO Program Manager. She can be reached at (703) 681-6757, or by email at delisa.e.prater.civ@mail.mil.

Allen W. Middleton, SES

Chief Financial Officer

Office of the Chief Financial Officer

Enclosure

As stated**OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET**

**Calendar Year 2015 Cost of Outpatient Medical, Dental, and Cosmetic Surgery Services Furnished by Department of Defense Medical Treatment Facilities; Certain**

**Rates Regarding Recovery From Tortiously Liable Third Persons**

**AGENCY:** Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** By virtue of the authority vested in the President by section 2(a) of Pub. L. 87–603 (76 Stat. 593; 42 U.S.C. 2652), and delegated to the Director of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) by the President through Executive Order No. 11541 of July 1, 1970, the rates referenced below are hereby established. These rates are for use in connection with the recovery from tortiously liable third persons for the cost of outpatient medical, dental and cosmetic surgery services furnished by military treatment facilities through the Department of Defense (DoD). The rates were established in accordance with the requirements of OMB Circular A–25, requiring reimbursement of the full cost of all services provided. The CY15 Outpatient Medical, Dental, and Cosmetic Surgery ratesreferenced are effective upon publication of this notice in the *Federal Register*and will remain in effect until further notice. Previously published inpatient rates remain in effect until further notice. Pharmacy rates are updated periodically.

**Brian Deese,**

*Acting Director*

**Tortiously Liable Outpatient Medical, Dental, and**

**Cosmetic Surgery Reimbursement Rates for Calendar Year 2015**

## **COORDINATION**

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