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SUBJECT: Arrival of New Deputy Director, TRICARE Management Activity (TMA)

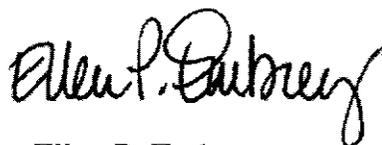
It is my pleasure to formally welcome Rear Admiral Christine S. Hunter, MC, USN as the new Deputy Director, TRICARE Management Activity. Her distinguished service in multiple command and executive leadership roles gives her an invaluable perspective from which to partner with the Services and lead integrated initiatives encompassing patient-centered care, clinical quality, health care business, operational medicine, and humanitarian relief. Having been selected from a field of exceptionally qualified candidates, Rear Admiral Hunter will bring to our leadership team essential skills and experiences as we forge the future of our Military Health System.

Rear Admiral Hunter has my utmost trust and confidence to lead all daily operations of the TRICARE Management Activity, exercising a wide scope of authority. She will implement the health plan, oversee enterprise wide performance, and shape health policies impacting the continuum of care. As my principal point of contact for issues regarding the health plan, dental program, pharmacy program, and health care delivery across the TRICARE regions, she will focus on ensuring the successful transition to our new domestic and overseas TRICARE contracts. I have also asked her to engage with Military Health System leaders and key stakeholders on five high priority Defense health areas:

- Assuring continued support to our Wounded Warriors and their families
- Improving access at all levels
- Defining the implications of the Medical Home model for our health care system (including its application to preventive health and readiness)
- Improving the usability and interoperability of our information systems to enhance decision support and knowledge management
- Responsibly and transparently improving cost effectiveness

Finally, she will chair the effort to co-locate our medical headquarters in compliance with BRAC direction.

Rear Admiral Hunter's impressive blend of clinical, operational, and business expertise makes her exceptionally well-prepared to spearhead the most vital initiatives facing our Military Health System during this historic period. Please join me in warmly welcoming her to our senior leadership team!



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