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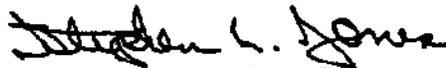
SUBJECT: Delay of Effective Date for Calendar Year 2008 Outpatient Itemized Billing Rates

This memorandum supersedes the effective date in the memorandum signed May 30, 2008, that contained the Calendar Year (CY) 2008 Department of Defense Medical and Dental reimbursement rates and Cosmetic Surgery rates. All other information in that memorandum remains correct.

The CY 2008 rates are used in conjunction with the CY 2008 Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) codes; however, the updated CY 2008 CPT codes have not yet been loaded into AHLTA. Therefore, the CY 2008 rates will not become effective until the CPT codes are successfully loaded into AHLTA. The current CY 2007 CPT codes will remain in effect for billing until that time. Once the CY 2008 CPT codes are successfully loaded into AHLTA, they shall be used until superseded.

The TRICARE Management Activity (TMA) requests that this memorandum be posted with the previously approved CY 2008 rates on the Comptroller's Web site at <http://www.defenselink.mil/comptroller/rates/fy2008.html>.

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