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MEMORANDUM FOR UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE (COMPTROLLER)

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

This memorandum supersedes the memorandum signed July 23, 2008, that delayed the effective date for the Calendar Year (CY) 2008 Department of Defense medical and dental reimbursement rates and cosmetic surgery rates. These are the Outpatient Itemized Billing (OIB) rates. The rates will become effective September 3, 2008.

The CY 2008 OIB rates are used in conjunction with the CY 2008 Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) codes. However, the updated CY 2008 CPT codes were not loaded into AHLTA by July 7, 2008, which was the original effective date for the updated OIB rates. Therefore, the CY 2008 OIB rates were delayed in accordance with the July 23, 2008, memorandum. Now that a majority of the CY 2008 CPT codes have been loaded, the CY 2008 OIB rates will become effective September 3, 2008.

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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