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SUBJECT: Acquisition of Services Policy

With the establishment of a full-time TRICARE Management Activity (TMA) Component Acquisition Executive (CAE), changes to the TMA Acquisition of Services policy are being implemented. Effective immediately, the respective Approval Level Decision Authority and Threshold for Services Category I, II, and III are as follows:

- Services Category I – Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness. Acquisition of services estimated to cost \$250 million or more.
- Services Category II – TMA CAE. Acquisition of services estimated to cost \$10 million or more but less than \$250 million.
- Services Category III – TMA Head of Contracting Activity. Acquisition of services estimated to cost more than the simplified acquisition threshold but less than \$10 million.

In addition, the differentiation of "purchased care" and "non-purchased care" is eliminated; the Services Category is now all-inclusive. Further, the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences is no longer a separate Agency and now comes under TMA's Acquisition of Services Decision Authority and process.

Within 120 days from the date of this memorandum, an updated TMA Acquisition of Services policy will be distributed. This update will address actions and requirements detailed in recent implementation directives from the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics.

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