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MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR, DEFENSE PROCUREMENT AND
ACQUISITION POLICY

SUBJECT: Delegation of Decision Authority to Commanders and Directors of the
Department of Defense Components for Acquisition of Services

References: (a) TRICARE Management Activity Memorandum, Delegation of
Authority, Component Acquisition Executive, January 4, 2010
(b) Department of Defense (DoD) Instruction 5000.02, Operation of the
Defense Acquisition System, December 8, 2008
(c) DoD Instruction 5104.45, Uniformed Services University of the Health
Sciences (USUHS), January 22, 2007
(d) Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy Memorandum, Approval
of Changes to Decision Authorities of DoD Components for Acquisition
of Services, January 15, 2008

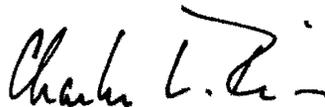
TRICARE Management Activity (TMA) Component Acquisition Executive
(CAE) authority was recently delegated, as attached reference (a) indicates, to a member
of the Senior Executive Service within TMA. This action was taken in order to more
consistently manage and implement DoD acquisition policy across the Military Health
System. In addition, a determination made by the TMA Head of Contracting Activity
that the separation of “purchased care” and “non-purchased care” is unnecessary for
compliance with Enclosure 9 or reference (b). Further, per reference (c), USUHS was
established as a component of TMA.

As a result of the aforementioned, I request several changes to the Decision
Authority for TMA and USUHS that is currently identified in reference (d). Specifically,
replace, in its entirety, the current TMA Approval Level’s Decision Authority with the
following:

- Category I – Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness)
- Category II – CAE

Also, delete USUHS as an Agency. USUHS will come under TMA’s Acquisition of
Services Decision Authority and process.

Please contact Mr. Michael Fischetti, Director, Acquisition Management and Support, with any questions. He can be reached at (703) 681-5996, or Michael.Fischetti@tma.osd.mil.

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Charles L. Rice, M.D.
Acting Director

Attachment:
As stated