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POLICY ALERT
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Updates to Wide Area Workflow

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TYPE OF ACTION: Final Rule

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 29, 2012

SUMMARY: The Department of Defense (DoD) issued a final rule amending the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) and the DFARS Procedures, Guidance, and Information (PGI) to update the policies and procedures on the submission of payment requests and receiving reports in electronic format.

One particular change that is of interest to TRICARE Management Activity is that for submitting and processing payment requests and receiving reports for rendered health care services, use of TRICARE Encounter Data System (TEDS) as the electronic format is permitted. DFARS clause 252.232-7003 (June 2012) has been revised to incorporate this change.

Some other changes include:

- A new wide area workflow payment instructions in both in the DFARS PGI and a new DFARS clause 252.232-7006 Wide Area Workflow Payment Instructions (June 2012).
- A requirement that if the Contracting Officer determined in writing that electronic submission would be unduly burdensome to the contractor, a copy of the determination shall be furnished to the Components Senior Procurement Executive.
- A change that when the Governmentwide commercial purchase card is used as the method of payment, only submission of the receiving report in electronic form is required.

ACTION REQUIRED: Contracting Officers shall comply with these changes to DFARS and DFARS PGI. This includes the use of clause at 252.232-7006, Wide Area WorkFlow Payment Instructions, when clause 252.232-7003 is used and neither 232.7003 (b) nor (c) apply. Please

be aware that DFARS 232.7003(c) is the paragraph permitting the use of TEDS. Contracting Officers administering the healthcare contracts may wish to modify the contract to incorporate this latest clause revision.

This Policy Alert is effective on the date indicated above, and remains in effect until incorporated into a policy document(s) or until otherwise rescinded.

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