

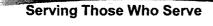
Why TRICARE? Why Now?

• Large numbers of Americans are suffering from psychological trauma as the direct result of the ongoing conflict.

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- Shortages of Behavioral Health professionals
- Impact on the Military Family
- Community Impact
- Impact on National Security





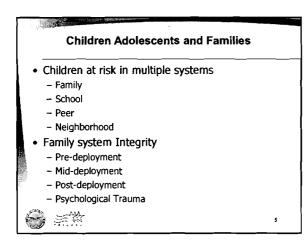
· Soldiers, Sailors, Marines, and Airmen

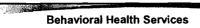
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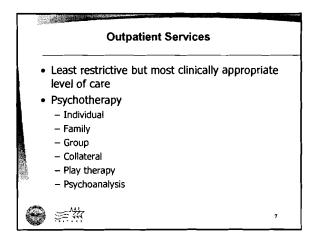
- · Active Duty families
- · Spouses of Active duty
- · Children of Active duty
- Retired Members
- Retired Family Members

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- TRICARE-Covered Behavioral Health Treatment Includes, but Not Limited to
 - Outpatient therapy
 - Acute Hospitalization
 - Partial Hospitalization
 - Residential treatment center (children and adolescents)
 - Substance Use Disorder Rehabilitation



Outpatient Services...cont'd • Initial 8 sessions per member per fiscal year automatically authorized - Exception: Active Duty Members • Provider must request continued authorization between 8th and 9th session - Continuation based on medical necessity Psychological Testing - Six hours per fiscal year - Additional hours may be authorized with medical necessity review) M

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TRICARE-Authorized Behavioral Health Providers

- Psychiatrists
- Clinical Psychologists
- Certified Psychiatric Nurse Specialists
- Clinical Social Workers
- Certified Marriage and Family Therapists
- · Pastoral Counselors
- Mental Health Counselors
- Licensed Professional Counselors

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TRICARE Certification

- · Providers Must be TRICARE-certified to receive reimbursement
- · Certification facilitated by Regional Contractor determined by your practice location
- www.tricare.mil/tma/becomeatricareprovider.as px Follow prompts for state specific information
- Complete a certification packet and enclose required documentation.
- Mail it to the address provided at the TRICARE website listed above. SE 14 10

TRICARE Standard vs. Prime

Practice Location

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- The Prime Benefit is primarily offered in a 40 mile radius around Military Treatment Facilities
- · Prime Providers are asked to discount reimbursement for increased volume.
- Standard providers need not participate for all beneficiaries
- Standard providers my charge an additional 15 percent above the maximum allowed charge

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- 98% of referrals go to Network Providers
- · Simple reimbursement process
- · Ready access to free continuing education
- Administrative support and guidance
- · Instant access to assistance and information through an assigned network representative
- Practice expansion opportunities
- Tele-behavioral health

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Expand your practice capability

• TRICARE Telebehavioral health

- All TRICARE beneficiaries eligible
- Originating sites located throughout country
- Distant providers may provide medication management and psychotherapy
- Allows non-physician providers to arrange psychiatric assessments and medication management even in rural medically underserved areas
- Maximize provider scheduling and utilization

Non-Network Providers

- Participating Providers
 - Accept assignment
 - CHAMPUS Maximum Allowable Charge
- Non-Participating Providers
- Flexibility

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- · Reimbursement incentive
 - 15% above CMAC

TRICARE Reimbursement

- Fee schedule tied to Medicare
- Established by Law (32CFR199.14)
- Geographic adjustments
- Electronic Filing
- Quick turnaround for stable cash flow
- CMS 1500 for outpatient
- UB 04 for inpatient

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Benefits of being a TRICARE Provider

• Being part of the National Security Team

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- Making a positive impact on children and families affected by multiple deployments
- Directly assist service members to overcome impediments to continued service
- Help ensure a stable society for the future
- Direct impact on local communities through the treatment of National Guard/Reservists

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• You are needed as never before !!!

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