

providers within today's health care delivery structure, and gave beneficiaries access to another segment of the health care delivery industry. Corporate services providers must be approved for Medicare payment, or when Medicare approval status is not required, be accredited by a qualified accreditation organization to gain provider authorization status under TRICARE. Corporate services providers must also enter into a participation agreement which will be sent out as part of the initial authorization process. The participation agreement will ensure that TRICARE-determined allowable payments, combined with the costshare/copayment, deductible, and other health insurance amounts, will be accepted by the provider as payment in full. The application for TRICARE-Provider Status: Corporate Services Provider, will collect the necessary information to ensure that the conditions are met for authorization as a TRICARE corporate services provider: *i.e.*, the provider (1) is a corporation or a foundation, but not a professional corporation or professional association; (2) provides services and related supplies of a type rendered by TRICARE individual professional providers or diagnostic technical services; (3) is approved for Medicare payment or, when Medicare approval status is not requested, is accredited by a qualified accreditation organization; and (4) has entered into a participation agreement approved by the Director, DHA or a designee.

The collected information will be used by TRICARE contractors to process claims and verify authorized provider status. Verification involves collecting and reviewing copies of the provider's licenses, certificates, accreditation documents, etc. If the criteria are met, the provider is granted TRICARE authorization status. The documentation and information are collected when: (1) A provider requests permission to become a TRICARE-authorized provider; (2) a claim is filed for care received from a provider who is not listed on the contractor's computer listing of authorized providers; or (3) when a former TRICARE-authorized provider requests reinstatement. The contractors develop the forms used to gather information based on the TRICARE conditions for participation listed above. Without the collection of this information, contractors cannot determine if the provider meets TRICARE-authorization requirements for corporate services providers. If the contractor is unable to verify that a provider meets these authorization requirements, the contractor may not

reimburse either the provider or the beneficiary for the provider's health care services. To reduce the reporting burden to a minimum, TRICARE has carefully selected the information requested from respondents. Only that information which has been deemed absolutely essential is being requested. If necessary, contractors may verify credentials with Medicare, JCAHO and other national organizations by telephone. TRICARE is also participating with Medicare in the development of a National Provider System which will eliminate duplication of provider certification and data collection among Federal government agencies. TRICARE contractors are required to maintain a computer listing before requesting documentation from providers. Since the providers affected by this information generally have not previously been eligible to be authorized providers, TRICARE contractors will have no information on file. The providers will have to submit the information requested on the data collection form (Application for TRICARE-Providers Status: Corporate Services Provider) in order to obtain provider authorization status under TRICARE. The information will usually be collected from each respondent only once. It is estimated that there will be approximately 300 applicants per year. TRICARE will request the provider authorization documentation and information when the provider asks to become TRICARE-authorized or when a claim is filed for a new provider's services. If after a provider has been authorized by a contractor, no claims are filed during two-year period of time, the provider's information will be placed in the inactive file. To reactivate a file, the provider must verify that the information is still correct, or supply new or changed information. The total annual reporting burden is estimated to be approximately 100 hours (approximately 300 respondents with 20 minutes to complete the form).

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

[Docket ID: DoD-2015-HA-0039]

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Defense has submitted to OMB for clearance, the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act.

**DATES:** Consideration will be given to all comments received by November 12, 2015.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Fred Licari, 571-372-0493.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title, Associated Form And OMB Number:* Diagnosis Related Groups (DRG) Reimbursement; OMB Control Number 0720-0017.

*Type of Request:* Reinstatement, with change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

*Number of Respondents:* 5,600.

*Responses per Respondent:* 1.

*Annual Responses:* 5,600.

*Average Burden per Response:* 1.5 hours.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 8,400.

*Needs And Uses:* The TRICARE/CHAMPUS contractors will use the information collected to reimburse hospitals for TRICARE/CHAMPUS share of capital and direct medical education costs.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit; individuals or households.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

*OMB Desk Officer:* Ms. Meredith DeDona.

Comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be emailed to Ms. Meredith DeDona, DoD Desk Officer, at [Oira\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:Oira_submission@omb.eop.gov). Please identify the proposed information collection by DoD Desk Officer and the Docket ID number and title of the information collection.

You may also submit comments and recommendations, identified by Docket ID number and title, by the following method:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

*Instructions:* All submissions received must include the agency name, Docket ID number and title for this **Federal Register** document. The general policy for comments and other submissions

from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public viewing on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> as they are received without change, including any personal identifiers or contact information.

*DOD Clearance Officer:* Mr. Frederick Licari.

Written requests for copies of the information collection proposal should be sent to Mr. Licari at WHS/ESD Directives Division, 4800 Mark Center Drive, East Tower, Suite 02G09, Alexandria, VA 22350-3100.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

[Docket ID: DoD-2014-OS-0072]

#### Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics/Defense Technical Information Center (DTIC).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the *Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995*, the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics/Defense Technical Information Center (DTIC) announces a proposed public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**DATES:** Consideration will be given to all comments received by December 8, 2015.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by docket number and title, by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- *Mail:* Department of Defense, Office of the Deputy Chief Management Officer, Directorate of Oversight and Compliance, Regulatory and Audit Matters Office, 9010 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-9010.

*Instructions:* All submissions received must include the agency name, docket number and title for this **Federal Register** document. The general policy for comments and other submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public viewing on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> as they are received without change, including any personal identifiers or contact information.

Any associated form(s) for this collection may be located within this same electronic docket and downloaded for review/testing. Follow the instructions at <http://www.regulations.gov> for submitting

comments. Please submit comments on any given form identified by docket number, form number, and title.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write or send an email to the DTIC-BC Registration Team, Defense Technical Information Center, 8725 John J. Kingman Road, Suite 0944, Fort Belvoir, VA 22060-6218, or email Ms. Kerry Christensen: [kchriste@dtic.mil](mailto:kchriste@dtic.mil). Ms. Christensen may be telephoned at: (703) 767-8247.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title; Associated Form; and OMB Number:* Registration for Scientific and Technical Information Services; DD Form 1540; OMB Control Number 0704-0264.

*Needs and Uses:* The data that the Defense Technical Information Center handles is controlled, because of either distribution limitations or security classification. For this reason, all potential users are required to register for service. DoD Instruction 3200.14, Principles and Operational Parameters of the DoD Scientific and Technical Information Program, mandates the registration procedure. Federal Government agencies and their contractors are required to complete the DD Form 1540, Registration for Scientific and Technical Information Services. The contractor community completes a separate DD Form 1540 for each contract or grant, and registration is valid until the contract expires.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for profit; Federal Government; State, local, or tribal government.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 1,667.

*Number of Respondents:* 10,000.

*Responses per Respondent:* 1.

*Annual Responses:* 10,000.

*Average Burden per Response:* 10 minutes.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

The DD Form 1540 serves as a registration tool for Federal Government agencies and their contractors to access DTIC services. Potential users registering for services are required to obtain certification from a designated approving official. Collected information is verified by DTIC's Marketing and Registration Division.

Dated: October 5, 2015.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

[Docket ID DoD-2015-OS-0094]

#### Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the *Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995*, the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness) announces a proposed public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**DATES:** Consideration will be given to all comments received by December 14, 2015.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by docket number and title, by any of the following methods: