

CY21 DHA UBO Outpatient Rates

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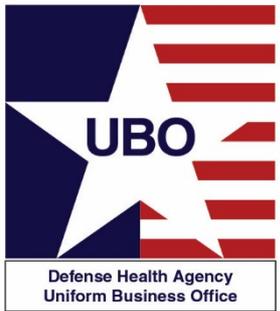
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Understand & Become Familiar With:

- 1) DHA UBO Rate Structures**
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- **Final Approval of the CY21 OP Rates Policy Package has not yet been approved at the time of this presentation.**
- **OP billing on hold in ABACUS until the updated rates are approved, files are loaded in ABACUS and ready to be used for dates of service after July 1, 2021 when the final approval is received.**
- **Leave claims in place in the Patient Billing screen of ABACUS, errors should read “Rate not Found.”**
- **Upon approval ABACUS will reprocess these stopped claims due to the missing rates and new rates applied to the process for billing retroactive to July 1, 2021.**



DHA UBO Rate Structures

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Widely used billing rate structures intended to recover costs in the military fixed facilities.

- 1) Full or Third Party Collections (TPC).
 - 2) Interagency.
 - 3) International Military Education & Training (IMET).
- **The DHA UBO Program Office recommends billing rates for contractors and foreign nationals supporting deployed forces.**
 - **Patient Category (PATCAT) assignment drives the assignment of the applicable rate structure.**

1) Full or Third Party Collection (TPC) Rates

- **Full / TPC Billing rates are used synonymously.**
 - Recover the full cost of healthcare services provided.
 - Normally the highest DHA UBO rate.
- **TPC Rates are used for billing commercial third-party payers and pay patients.**
 - Exception: OCONUS DoD Civilians and Cosmetic Procedures.
- **Most DHA UBO Ambulatory/Professional TPC rates match TRICARE Reimbursement (CMAC rates).**
- **Inpatient TPC rates are indexed to TRICARE annual percent growth.**
- **TPC rates are based on average Medical Expense & Performance Reporting System (MEPRS) unit costs with adjustments for costs not included in MEPRS data.**
 - Dental, Ambulance, Ambulatory Procedure Visit (APV), specific Injectables.

2) Interagency Rates

- Interagency rates are TPC rates discounted to remove several cost factors for health care services.
- Durable medical equipment and pharmaceuticals are not discounted.
- Interagency Rates do not include:
 - *Asset Use Charge*: Use of assets (facilities and/or equipment) to recoup depreciation and interest on investment.
 - *Government Share of Unfunded Retirement (GSUR) Costs*: Cover the cost of the unfunded civilian retirement, post retirement health benefits and life insurance.

3) International Military Education & Training Rates

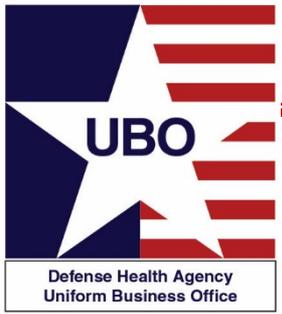
- **The IMET Program provides training on a grant basis to students from allied and friendly nations.**
 - Authority for the IMET program is found in Chapter 5, Part II, Foreign Assistance Act of 1961.
 - Funding is appropriated from the International Affairs budget of the Department of State.
 - Not all foreign national patients participate in the IMET program.
- **IMET Rates do not include:**
 - *Asset Use Charge and GSUR Costs.*
 - *Military Personnel Cost.*



Patient category (PATCAT) assignment determines billing, who should be billed and under which rate structure

DHA PATCAT Table v7.0												
Code	Subcat	Pat Cat Summary	Ipnt Indiv	Ipnt Agency	Opnt Indiv	Opnt Agency	Sponsor	Family Member	Civ Emergency	Deceased Sponsor	OCONUS GMS	Prohibit DEERS
A00		ACTIVE DUTY	NC	NC	NC	NC	YES	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO
A11	1	ACTIVE DUTY	NC	NC	NC	NC	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
A11	2	ACTIVE DUTY	NC	NC	NC	NC	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
A12	1	ACTIVE DUTY	NC	NC	NC	NC	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
A12	2	ACTIVE DUTY	NC	NC	NC	NC	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
A12	3	ACTIVE DUTY	FRR	NC	FOR	NC	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
A13		ACTIVE DUTY	NC	NC	NC	NC	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
A14		ACTIVE DUTY	NC	NC	NC	NC	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
A15	1	ACTIVE DUTY	NC	NC	NC	NC	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
A15	2	ACTIVE DUTY	NC	NC	NC	NC	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
A15	3	ACTIVE DUTY	FRR	NC	FOR	NC	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
A21		ACTIVE DUTY	NC	NC	NC	NC	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
A22	1	ACTIVE DUTY	NC	NC	NC	NC	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
A22	2	ACTIVE DUTY	NC	NC	NC	NC	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
A22	3	ACTIVE DUTY	FRR	NC	FOR	NC	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
A23	1	ACTIVE DUTY	NC	NC	NC	NC	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
A23	2	ACTIVE DUTY	NC	NC	NC	NC	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
A23	3	ACTIVE DUTY	FRR	NC	FOR	NC	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
A24		ACTIVE DUTY	FMR	NC	NC	NC	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
A25		DEPENDENT/RETIREE	FMR	NC	NC	NC	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO
A26		ACTIVE DUTY	NC	NC	NC	NC	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES
A27	1	ACTIVE DUTY	FMR	NC	NC	NC	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES
A27	2	DEPENDENT/RETIREE	FMR	NC	NC	NC	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO	YES
A28	1	DEPENDENT/RETIREE	FRR	NC	FOR	NC	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO	YES
A28	2	DEPENDENT/RETIREE	FMR	NC	NC	NC	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO	YES
A29	1	CIVILIAN	FRR	NC	FOR	NC	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO	YES
A29	2	CIVILIAN	FMR	NC	NC	NC	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO	YES
A30	1	DEPENDENT/RETIREE	FRR	NC	FOR	NC	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO	YES
A30	2	DEPENDENT/RETIREE	FMR	NC	NC	NC	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO	YES
A31	1	DEPENDENT/RETIREE	NC	NC	NC	NC	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
A31	2	DEPENDENT/RETIREE	NC	NC	NC	NC	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
A32	1	DEPENDENT/RETIREE	NC	NC	NC	NC	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
A32	2	DEPENDENT/RETIREE	NC	NC	NC	NC	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
A33	1	DEPENDENT/RETIREE	NC	NC	NC	NC	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
A33	2	DEPENDENT/RETIREE	NC	NC	NC	NC	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
A36		ACTIVE DUTY	FMR	NC	NC	NC	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
A37		DEPENDENT/RETIREE	FMR	NC	NC	NC	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO

Source <https://health.mil/Military-Health-Topics/Business-Support/Uniform-Business-Office/Patient-Categories>



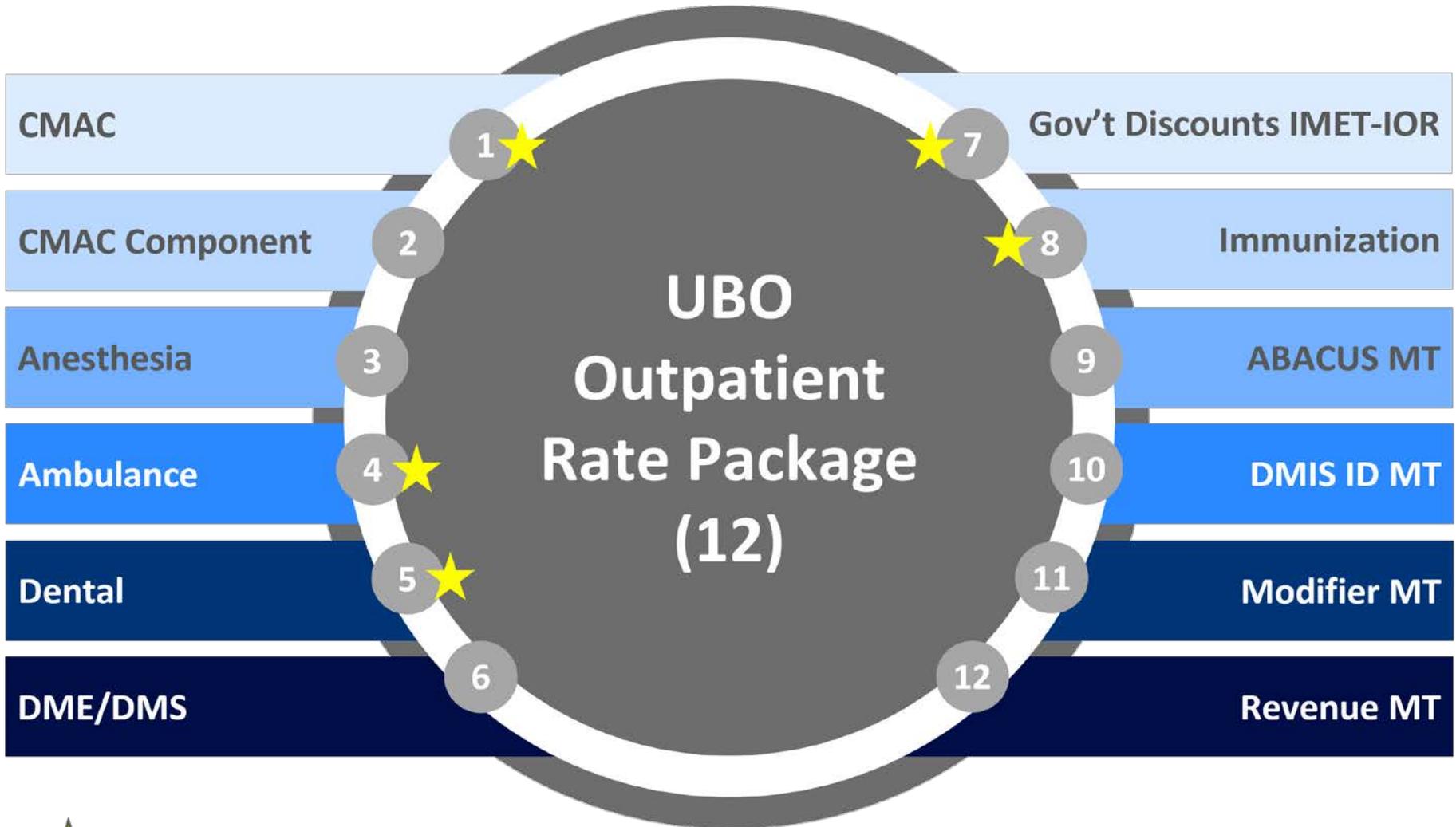
Outpatient Rate Package

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Outpatient Rates Overview:

- **CY 2021 Outpatient Rates developed to accommodate Military Health Systems billing systems and solutions.**
- **Outpatient rates are developed by the DHA UBO for each outpatient encounter, service, procedure, or supply provided at a MTF.**
- **UBO CHAMPUS Maximum Allowable Charge (CMAC) rates are developed for reimbursement in the purchased care community.**
- **Purchased Care System data used to calculate the average allowable amounts. Some procedures require special handling and rates are based on purchased care data or Ambulatory Payment Classification (APC) charges.**
- **Medical Expense & Performance Reporting System (MEPRS) data is used to calculate the average MTF operational expenses.**



 MEPRS Based Rates



- **Overview**

- Primary rate table, formatted and sorted for UBO.
- Based on what TRICARE allows.
- Categorized by CMAC localities.

- **2021 Highlights**

- Certain CMAC codes are not available for separate reimbursement.
 - ED Rates
 - Observation
 - Moderate Sedation
- 0.18% Overall Average Percent Increase from CY20
- CY21 New codes did not become effective until April 1, 2021, the rest of the file will have an effective date for CY21 of July 1st, 2021.

Codes Set To Zero	
98966	Tele. Assess
98967	Tele. Assess
98968	Tele. Assess
98969	Online Serv.
99441	Telemed
99442	Telemed
99443	Telemed.
99024	Post. Op.
G0379	Admit
99241	IP Consult
99242	IP Consult
99243	IP Consult
99244	IP Consult
99245	IP Consult
99251	OP Consult
99252	OP Consult
99253	OP Consult
99254	OP Consult
99255	OP Consult

TRICARE Localities Overview

- **TRICARE localities are designated within the range of 301-424**
- **TRICARE localities are defined with the same geographic boundaries as Medicare localities.**
- **TRICARE localities apply to the CHAMPUS Maximum Allowable Charges, or CMAC reimbursable rates.**
- **TRICARE localities also are assigned to individual Military Treatment Facilities (MTFs) and DMIS ID locations.**
- **After the “national” average CMAC level has been determined (Locality 300), rates are calculated for the remaining 114 localities.**

There are 114 Active TRICARE Localities for CY21

A single locality assignment often includes many zip codes and military treatment facilities.

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Locality To ZIP

Use the tool below to list ZIP Codes associated with a Locality Code.

Search the Database

* Denotes Required Field

Select Locality Code:*

314 COLORADO

Results: CMAC Procedure Pricing

Locality Code: 314
Locality Name: COLORADO

80001	80002	80003	80004	80005	80006	80007	80010	80011	80012	80013	80014	80015	80016	80017	80018	80019
80020	80021	80022	80023	80024	80025	80026	80027	80028	80030	80031	80033	80034	80035	80036	80037	80038
80040	80041	80042	80044	80045	80046	80047	80101	80102	80103	80104	80105	80106	80107	80108	80109	80110
80111	80112	80113	80116	80117	80118	80120	80121	80122	80123	80124	80125	80126	80127	80128	80129	80130
80131	80132	80133	80134	80135	80136	80137	80138	80150	80151	80154	80155	80160	80161	80162	80163	80165
80166	80201	80202	80203	80204	80205	80206	80207	80208	80209	80210	80211	80212	80214	80215	80216	80217
80218	80219	80220	80221	80222	80223	80224	80225	80226	80227	80228	80229	80230	80231	80232	80233	80234
80235	80236	80237	80238	80239	80241	80243	80244	80246	80247	80248	80249	80250	80251	80252	80254	80255
80256	80257	80258	80260	80261	80262	80263	80264	80265	80266	80270	80271	80272	80274	80275	80278	80280

Link: <https://health.mil/Military-Health-Topics/Business-Support/Rates-and-Reimbursement/CMAC-Rates/Locality-To-ZIP>

- **Emergency Department (ED)**
- **Evaluation & Management Codes (99281-99285)**
 - Used for Hospital level (1-5) ED encounter.
 - System limitations: unable to bill both professional and institutional charges for same service.
 - Only represents the institutional charge for the ED E&M service.
 - Mapped to the UB 04/837I.

CPT® Code	2020	2021	Percent Change
99281	\$59.18	\$72.60	22.68%
99282	\$108.77	\$131.59	20.98%
99283	\$189.84	\$231.60	22.00%
99284	\$299.02	\$363.74	21.64%
99285	\$525.30	\$522.12	-0.61%

- **CMAC Component**

- TRICARE assigns code components with Professional (PC) and Technical (TC) components.
 - Technical Components (TC) are based on applied Ambulatory Payment Classification (APC) charges.
 - Professional Components (PC) are charges provided by the regular CMAC rates.
- Not available for separate reimbursement – considered part of the “global procedure.”
- Global Rate computed by combining TC and PC rates.

- **Overview**

- Flat Rate Calculation.
- Applied TRICARE Reimbursement Formula.
- (Average Time Units + Base Units) x National Average Conversion Factor.
- 2021 Total Codes: 272.

- **2021 Highlights**

- Overall Decrease of **-2.89%**

DHA UBO CY21 Anesthesia Rate Table

CPT Code	2021 Rate	Short Descriptor
00100	\$313.05	ANESTH, SALIVARY GLAND
00102	\$249.02	ANESTH, REPAIR OF CLEFT LIP
00103	\$202.88	ANESTH, BLEPHAROPLASTY
00104	\$111.68	ANESTH, ELECTROSHOCK
00120	\$271.66	ANESTH, EAR SURGERY
00124	\$150.06	ANESTH, EAR EXAM
00126	\$136.69	ANESTH, TYMPANOTOMY
00140	\$198.78	ANESTH, PROCEDURES ON EYE
00142	\$135.83	ANESTH, LENS SURGERY
00144	\$254.19	ANESTH, CORNEAL TRANSPLANT
00145	\$255.27	ANESTH, VITRECTOMY
00147	\$170.97	ANESTH, IRIDECTOMY
00148	\$156.09	ANESTH, EYE EXAM
00160	\$235.65	ANES,NOSE/ACC SINUS;NOS
00162	\$443.70	ANES,NOSE/ACC SINUS;RADICL SRG
00164	\$191.67	ANESTH, BIOPSY OF NOSE
00170	\$226.16	ANESTH, PROCEDURE ON MOUTH
00172	\$411.80	ANESTH, CLEFT PALATE REPAIR
00174	\$334.83	ANES,EXC RETROPHARYNGEAL TUMOR
00176	\$775.94	ANES,INTRAORAL;RADICAL SURGERY
00190	\$307.23	ANESTH, FACIAL BONE SURGERY
00192	\$385.71	ANESTH, FACIAL BONE SURGERY

Flat Rate Calculation

- **Overview**

- 2020 Full Rate: \$260.86.
- 2021 Full Rate: \$276.77

- **2021 Highlights**

- Overall Increase of **+2.79%**

Ambulance Codes Assigned a Rate		
A0426	A0428	A0433
A0427	A0429	A0999



- **Overview**

- The updated Defense Health Agency CY21 Guidelines for Dental Procedure Codes, Surgical Procedure Codes, and Dental Weighted Values serves to define each dental procedure performed in military treatment facilities.
- Contains “D” Codes (i.e. D0411).
- Contains “W” Codes (i.e. W0141)
 - W Codes are DoD Specific but non-billable. They replaced Dental A-codes so as not to cause confusion with standard HCPCS A-codes.

- **2021 Highlights**

- Overall increase of **+6.23%**.
- Added 28 new codes, 22 revised codes, 4 deleted codes.
- 818 total Dental codes.



- **Overview**

- Expenses allocated for equipment and supplies.
- Based On:
 - CMS Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics/Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS) Fee Schedule.
 - Purchased Care Data.



- **Overview**
 - International Military Education & Training (IMET).
 - Interagency Outpatient Rates (IOR).
- **2021 Highlights**

Type of Discount	Discounted Services Except Ambulance and Dental	Ambulance Services	Dental Services	Applicable PATCAT
IMET	0.6173	0.6173	0.4366	Misc.
IOR	0.9428	0.9428	0.9495	Misc.
IOR	0.9428	0.9428	0.9495	K611
IOR	0.8000	0.8000	0.8000	K612

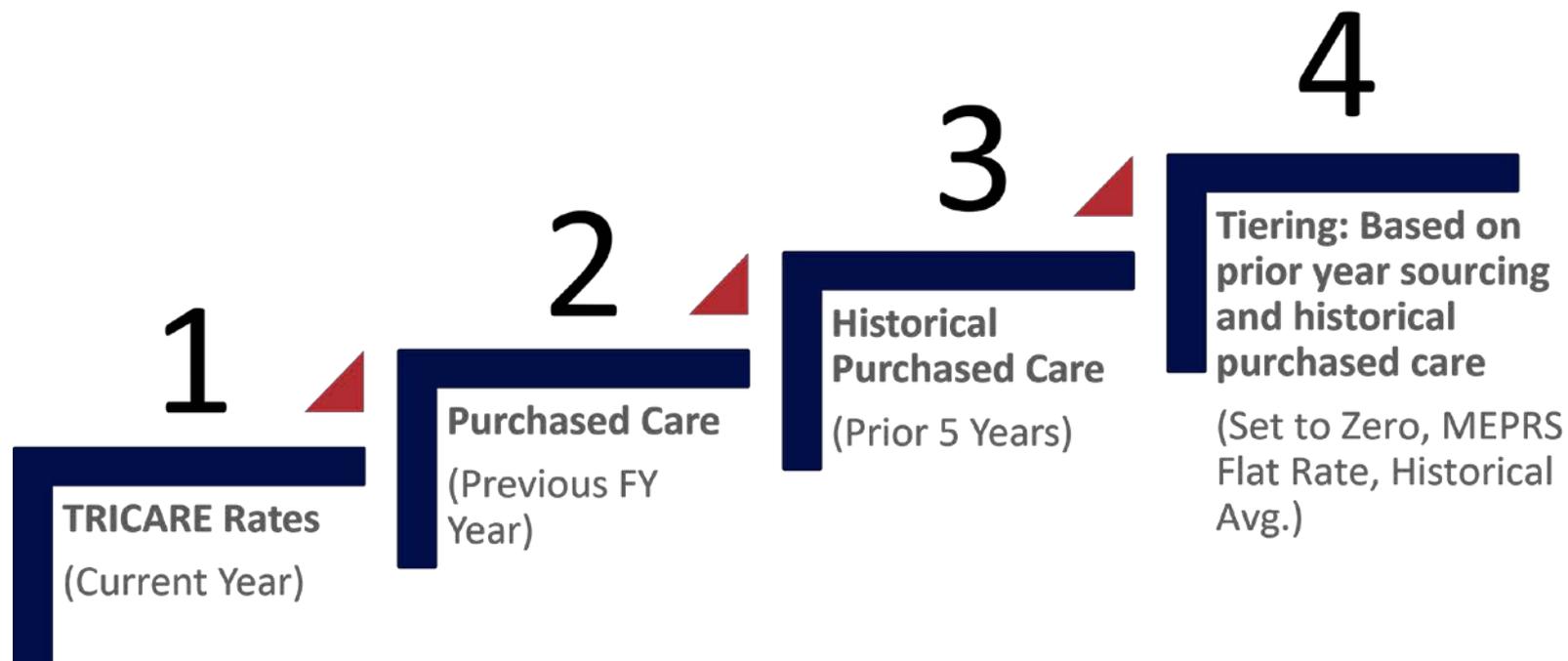
- **Overview**

- **1st Priority – CMAC TRICARE Provided Rates (Released Quarterly).**
- **2nd Priority – Purchased Care Allowable Amounts (Previous Fiscal Year).**
- **3rd Priority – MEPRS Based Flat Rate.**
 - 2020 Flat Rate: \$67.21
 - 2021 Flat Rate: \$69.09 (Increased by 2.80%).

- **2021 Highlights**

- 28 New Codes, 1 Deleted Code.
- Sourcing priority process addition to phase very low percentage usage codes:
 1. TRICARE Rate
 2. Purchased Care Prior Year
 3. Historical 5 Year Purchased care average for increase/decrease greater than 30%
 4. For codes assigned a flat rate in prior year, and no PSC data prior year, assign MEPRS flat rate.
 5. For codes set to zero per historical zero prior year without PSC data prior year, set to zero.
 6. Remaining codes without prior year PSC data utilize a tiering system to make a rate determination based on prior year historical purchased care.

- 2021 Process by Sourcing Priority
- Historical Purchased Care Pull for Outlier Rates +/-30% variance.



ABACUS Mapping Table

- Contains specific code ranges that maps to various applicable modifiers, claim forms and indicates which rate table to find the charge.
 - CPT®/HCPCS driven.

DMIS ID Mapping Table

- The Defense Medical Information System Identifier (DMIS ID) Mapping Table is used as a way of standardizing both medical and military facility identification and cost/workload classification.

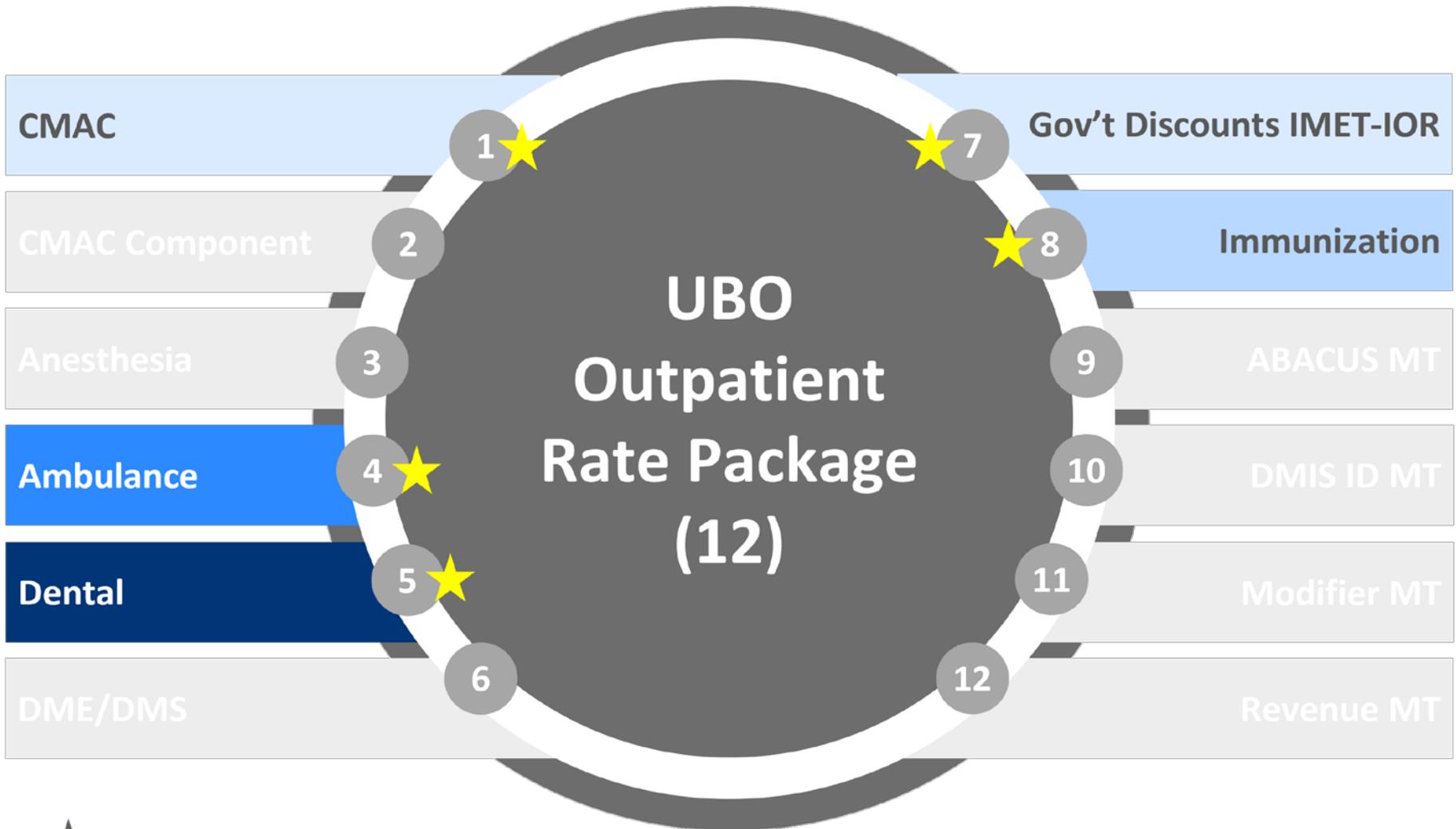
Revenue Mapping Table

- Identifies the CPT®/HCPCS procedure, supply, drug code, description and available revenue centers.
 - Revenue center code informs the payer where the procedure was performed.

Modifier Mapping Table

- Contains a list of modifiers that can be attached to specific ranges of codes and which rate table to find the charge in.
 - Modifier driven – to identify applicable code ranges.
 - Released with the annual CPT®/HCPCS codes update.

- **CY 2021 in the ABACUS Mapping Table to accommodate Inherently Bilateral codes**
 - Modifier -50 has historically been allowably mapped to all codes within applicable code ranges although several inherently bilateral codes fall within these ranges.
 - It is important to note that if an inherently bilateral code has modifier -50 included it will lead to further coding issues for any ancillary codes that are not filtered through CCE for coders to review and correct.
 - Logic in the mapping table uses a multiplier to increase the rate for codes appended with a -50 mod.
 - Codes that are inherently bilateral (their procedure description implies performing the procedure to both sides of the body) should not be appended with a -50 mod, as the rate already accounts for the procedure for left and right in the same operative session.
 - Change split new Radiology ranges to negate the -50 mod multiplier when used on inherently bilateral Rad codes.



MEPRS Based Rates

Medical Expense Program Reporting System (MEPRS) Based Rates

- **Annual adjustment for the following rates:**
 - CMAC Ambulatory Procedure Visit (APV)
 - Ambulance
 - Dental
 - Immunization (Specific)
 - Government Discounts IMET-IOR
- **CY21 Development Cycle**
 - MEPRS data was again not mature during the CY21 outpatient rates development cycle, thus, codes adjusted with MEPRS data were developed using an alternative method.
 - Alternative Method: O&M Inflation Factor (+2.79%) was used as the CY21 annual adjustment in place of MEPRS per PO decision.

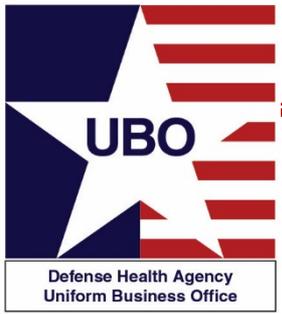
Computation & Burdening Factors

- **Factors and percentages used as adjustments/plus ups in the Outpatient rate development process.**
- **Six (6) Main Factors**
 - Asset Use – Recoup depreciation and interest costs.
 - GSUR Costs - Retirement health benefits and life insurance.
 - Military Pay – Military pay raise percentage from the annual presidential budget.
 - Civilian Pay - Civilian pay raise percentage from the annual presidential budget.
 - DMDC Factor – Military medical personnel salary expenses.
 - Defense Health Plan Growth - Annual budget growth percentage.



CY21 Outpatient Rates Summary

- 2021 Outpatient Rate package is **NOT YET** effective.
 - DHA UBO rates are developed to accommodate Military Health Systems billing systems and solutions.
 - Outpatient rates are developed by the DHA UBO for each outpatient encounter, service, procedure, or supply provided at a MTF.
- Formatted and sorted specifically for DHA UBO.
- Comprised of 12 rate components.
 - Four (4) of which are Mapping Tables.



Service Rate Requests

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Service Rate Requests

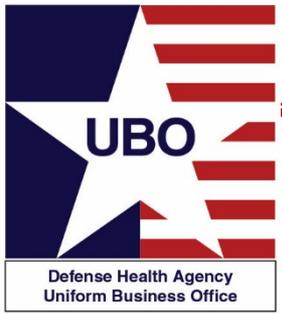
- No requests for a rate assignment in CY21.

Assigning Rates per Service Requests:

- Rates assigned if TRICARE provided a rate.
- Rates assigned according to Ambulatory Payment Classification (APC) charges or Purchased Care allowable amounts.
- Rates not assigned for:
 - Case management codes.
 - Codes on the Government No Pay list.
 - Non-billable codes.

Process for Requesting Rates for Procedure Codes

- 1) Service/MTF/billing office identifies the CPT®/HCPCS procedure code that is not included in the DHA UBO rates file.
- 2) Draft a written explanation telling why the code(s) should be applied a charge, the date(s) of service, the number of times and specific details of when/how the code is being used are all helpful.
- 3) Submit request with justification to Service/NCR MD Program Manager.
- 4) Service/NCR MD Program Manager forwards the written explanation and/or supporting documentation to the DHA UBO Helpdesk with a request for pricing.
 - Use “DHA UBO Special Price Request” in the subject line.
- 5) The pricing request will be forwarded to the appropriate SME for verification.
 - If confirmed that there is no DHA UBO current rate, a recommendation for an Out-of-Cycle (OOC) rate update may be considered.
 - SME determines the recommended rate structure and charge to apply, if any.
 - SME submits the recommended charge and supporting justification/documentation (including no charge if insufficient justification and documentation) to the PO for review and approval.
- 6) Upon PO approval, charges are updated and submitted to be included in the next rates cycle OOC update.

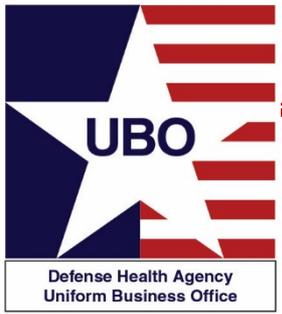


DHA UBO Inpatient Rates

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- **Inpatient rates - Billing inpatient medical services at MTFs.**
 - Each inpatient MTF has an Adjusted Standardized Amount (ASA).
- **Effective rates for FY 2021 Inpatient Billing Rates.**
 - October 1, 2020 until superseded historically, moving to a calendar year effective date in 2022, January 1 aligns with TRICARE



MAC Rates

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- **MAC rates - Same as DHA UBO Inpatient Adjusted Standardized Amounts (ASAs) and Outpatient rates but for liability insurance.**
 - Automobile.
 - Homeowners and renters.
 - General casualty.
 - Medical malpractice.
 - Workers' compensation.
- **Approved by Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and published in the Federal Register (FR).**
- **Based on date(s) of service.**
- **Pharmacy rates do not require OMB approval.**
- **MAC collections are reported on a monthly basis.**



Determining Which Rate File to Use for MAC Claims

- **Determine Date(s) of Service.**
- **Find CMAC locality according to DMIS ID.**
- **Look up CPT®/HCPCS code for rate.**
- **Refer to UBO website to determine which file to use.**
- **Follow Service/NCR MD specific guidelines for filing MAC claims.**

Outpatient MAC Rates

MAC Claims --- Date of Service	Rate File to Use
February 23, 2021 – ** Will remain in effect until further notice	CY20 Outpatient Rates
January 24, 2018 – February 22, 2021	CY17 Outpatient Rates
March 3, 2016 – January 23, 2018	CY15 Outpatient Rates
November 18, 2014 – March 3, 2016	CY14 Outpatient Rates
October 22, 2013 – November 17, 2014	CY13 Outpatient Rates
November 19, 2012 – October 21, 2013	CY12 Outpatient Rates
November 21, 2011 – November 18, 2012	CY11 Outpatient Rates
March 21, 2011 – November 20, 2011	CY10 Outpatient Rates
December 15, 2009 – March 20, 2011	CY09 Outpatient Rates

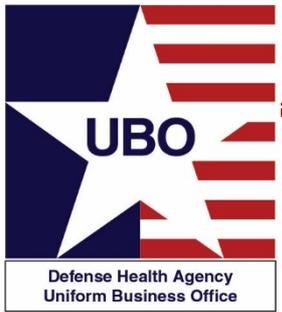
Link: <https://health.mil/Military-Health-Topics/Business-Support/Uniform-Business-Office/Billing/Medical-Affirmative-Claims>



Inpatient MAC Rates

MAC Claims --- Date of Service	Rate File to Use
Pending Publication	FY21 ASA Inpatient Rates
February 23, 2021 – ** Will remain in effect until further notice	FY20 ASA Inpatient Rates
January 24, 2018 – February 22, 2021	FY18 ASA Inpatient Rates
September 16, 2015 – January 23, 2018	FY15 ASA Inpatient Rates
June 12, 2014 – September 15, 2015	FY14 ASA Inpatient Rates
April 11, 2013 – June 11, 2014	FY13 ASA Inpatient Rates
March 21, 2011 – April 10, 2013	FY11 ASA Inpatient Rates
May 5, 2010 – March 20, 2011	FY10 ASA Inpatient Rates
January 15, 2009 – May 4, 2010	FY09 ASA Inpatient Rates

Link: <https://health.mil/Military-Health-Topics/Business-Support/Uniform-Business-Office/Billing/Medical-Affirmative-Claims>



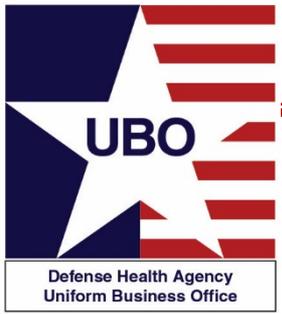
COVID-19 Updates and CY21 Impacts

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- **COVID-19 Updates:**

- TRICARE has updated pricing to accommodate additional lab tests and related codes throughout the year, more codes to be included in the CY21 files
- Vaccine guidance regarding billable encounters is still forthcoming, a hold is placed now for administration and injection of the vaccine, includes the following codes:
 - 91300, 0001A, 0002A, 91301, 0011A, 0012A, 91302, 0021A, 0022A, 91303, 0031A
- MHS has updated code tables once in March to accommodate code updates from CMS and AMA for COVID-19 procedures and diagnosis
- Resulting in two different rate updates from DHA UBO, and two different sets of files
 - First update April 1, 2021: included all new CMAC codes, and additional COVID-19 vaccine and admin codes
 - Second update April 15, 2021: included revised CMAC COVID-19 rates



Billing Tips & Reminders

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Industry Updates

- Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) updates CPT®/HCPCS codes on a quarterly basis.
- The American Medical Association (AMA) updates CPT®/HCPCS codes annually, effective 1 January.
- TRICARE updates CPT®/HCPCS codes annually.

DHA UBO Updates

- DHA UBO Outpatient rates: New CY21 CMAC codes were approved prior to standard annual effective date, were assigned a rate in this year's process effective April 1, 2021. Remaining CY21 package still to be effective July 1, 2021 once approved.
 - Can only bill if there is a DHA UBO rate associated with an effective code so this allowed billing for new CPT®/HCPCS codes from the CMAC file.
 - DHA UBO rates cannot be applied retroactively.
- Proper PATCAT assignment drives applicable rate structure and code assignment.



- Claim formats that are used in the MHS are based on encounter services provided, payer requirements, and Service and NCR MD billing policies.
- Government may not collect more than the total charge from any one source or combination of sources.
- If total payment exceeds the billed amount, MTF must refund the overage.

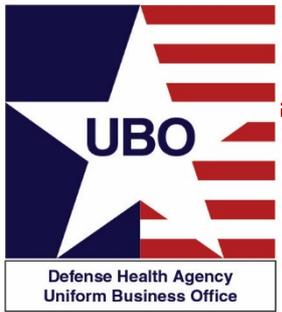
Institutional - Hospital charges

Professional - Provider charges

Health Plan/Policy	Institutional	Bill format	Professional	Bill format	Cost Recovery Program
Private insurance	Yes	8371/UB-04	Yes	837/CMS1500	TPC, MSA, MAC
Employer Group Health Plan	Yes	8371/UB-04	Yes	837/CMS1500	TPC, MSA, MAC
High Deductible Health Plan (HDHP)	Yes	8371/UB-04	Yes	837/CMS1500	N/A
Health Savings Account (HSA)	No	N/A	No	N/A	N/A
Health Reimbursement Account (HRA)	No	N/A	No	N/A	N/A
Flexible Spending Account (FSA)	No	N/A	No	N/A	N/A
Association or Organization Health Plan	Yes	8371/UB-04	Yes	837/CMS1500	MAC
No fault automobile insurance	Yes	8371/UB-04	Yes	837/CMS1500	MAC
Third party automobile liability	Yes	8371/UB-04	Yes	837/CMS1500	MSA
Medicare Supplemental Plan	Yes	8371/UB-04	Yes	837/CMS1500	MSA
Workers' Compensation Plan (non-federal employee)	Yes	8371/UB-04	Yes	837/CMS1500	MSA
Workers' Compensation Plan (federal employee)	No	DD7/DD7A	No	DD7/DD7A	MSA
Workers' Compensation Plan (DoD employee)	No	N/A	No	N/A	N/A
TRICARE Supplement	No	N/A	No	N/A	N/A
Income (wage) Supplement	Yes	N/A	No	N/A	N/A
Other/Special Coverage Group	Yes	8371/UB-04	Yes	837P/CMS1500	TPC, MSA, MAC
None (pay patient)	Yes	Invoice/receipt	Yes	Invoice/receipt	TPC, MAC

Inpatient Special Circumstance Rates

- **Family Member Rate (FMR):** Inpatient per diem rate charged to active duty family members not enrolled in TRICARE Prime and all retiree family members whose care is not reimbursed by a third party payer.
 - Does not apply to:
 - Beneficiaries with OHI.
- **Food Service Charge at Appropriated Fund Dining Facilities or Standard Rate (Subsistence - SR):** charges cover the basic cost of food.
 - Does not apply to:
 - Active duty or Retired Personnel.
 - Patients whose OHI covers any portion of the IP encounter or any other amount paid by a third party payer to the MTF.
 - Inpatient cadets and midshipmen.
 - MTF dining hall charges must be applied to any individual in a non-inpatient status (e.g., OBS or APV).



Health.Mil & Launchpad Navigation

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Accessing UBO Information Online

- **DHA UBO information is maintained on Health.mil and Launchpad.**
 - Health.mil is a public site.
 - Launchpad is a CAC user restricted access.

Health.mil Website

The screenshot shows the Health.mil website interface. At the top left is the UBO logo. The main header features the 'Health.mil' logo and the tagline 'The official website of the Military Health System'. Navigation links include 'Contact Us', 'FAQs', 'Gallery', and 'TRICARE'. A search bar is located on the right. Below the header is a dark blue navigation bar with icons for Home, About the MHS, Topics, Training, Policies, Reference Center, News & Gallery, and 'I am a...'. The main content area has a breadcrumb trail: 'MHS Home > Military Health Topics > Business Support > Uniform Business Office'. On the left is a sidebar menu with categories: 'Business Support', 'Data Quality Management Control Program', 'Medical Logistics', 'HIPAA Transactions, Code Sets & Identifiers' (with sub-links for Transactions, Code Sets, and Identifiers), 'Rates and Reimbursement', and 'Uniform Business Office' (with sub-links for Armed Forces Billing and Collection Utilization Solution, Billing, Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, and Medical Coding Program Office). The main content area features a large heading 'Uniform Business Office (UBO)' followed by a paragraph describing the UBO's role in administering various programs. A bulleted list details MSA, TPC, and MAC activities. A small UBO logo is placed to the right of the text. At the bottom of the main content area, it states that efforts are coordinated by the Chartered UBO Advisory Working Group. On the right side of the page is a 'Contact Us' box with instructions to contact the UBO Help Desk via email or phone, and a note about returning phone messages.

Link: <http://www.health.mil/Military-Health-Topics/Business-Support/Uniform-Business-Office>

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UBO Rates Overview

The UBO billing rates are based on TRICARE allowable charges and are used to determine charges for outpatient, inpatient, dental, cosmetic surgery, and pharmacy services. Outpatient rates are the charges for professional and institutional health care services provided in MTFs. Inpatient rates are used when billing for inpatient medical services at MTFs. Each MTF providing inpatient care has its own applied Adjusted Standardized Amount (ASA). Pharmacy rates are based on TRICARE allowable charges, average wholesale price, or prime vendor program prices listed for the national drug codes and are used to set pharmacy rates for pharmaceuticals and approved drugs.

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- Ambulatory services
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These rates were released in accordance with [U.S.C. Title 10](#), and will remain in effect until further notice.

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UBO rates are published online in accordance with [Executive Order 13410](#) (August 2006) to promote health care transparency relating to quality and cost.

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Link: <https://health.mil/Military-Health-Topics/Business-Support/Uniform-Business-Office/UBO-Rates-Overview>

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MHS UBO Rates

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Ambulance Rates

Select Download:

Anesthesia Rates

Select Download:

CMAC Rates

These files contain all localities and are compressed in a .zip file format. Please download the entire file before attempting to open.

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CMAC Locality DMIS ID Mapping Tables

CMAC Rates are adjusted for the locality of the providing military treatment facility (MTF). The following tables provide the key to determining which CMAC locality is appropriate for each MTF.

Link: <https://health.mil/Military-Health-Topics/Business-Support/Uniform-Business-Office/UBO-Rates-Overview/MHS-UBO-Rates>

- **DHA UBO Launchpad Website**
(<https://info.health.mil/bus/brm/ubo/Pages/ubon.aspx>)
 - Access restricted to CAC holders.
 - Note*** Users without a CAC may still request files using the DHA UBO Helpdesk.
- **The following information is available on Launchpad:**
 - Rates (Outpatient, Inpatient, MAC, Pharmacy, Deployed Forces, VA-DoD).
 - Pricing Calculators (VA-DoD, Cosmetic Surgery Estimator, Pharmacy).
 - Institutional and Professional Charges for Health Plan and Policy Billing Guidelines.
 - PATCAT Table.
 - Publications.
 - Archived Webinars (Past 5 years).
 - UBO Manual, DoD Policies, User Guide.
 - Compliance Toolkit including template.

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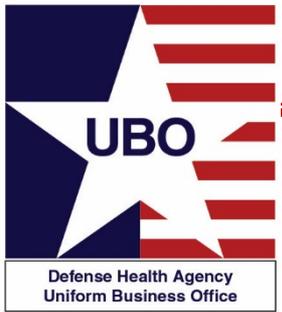
[Mapping Tables](#)

UBO billing systems use rate files in conjunction with several mapping tables that directs the billing systems to the appropriate rate file for any given procedure. These mapping tables also specify the billing form for each procedure and provide appropriate revenue centers and modifiers for each procedure. The major mapping files include:

Calendar Year (CY) Mapping Tables	
2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DMIS ID to CMAC Locality Table • Revenue Mapping Table • ABACUS Mapping Table • Modifier Mapping Table



Link: <https://info.health.mil/bus/brm/ubo/Pages/ubon.aspx>



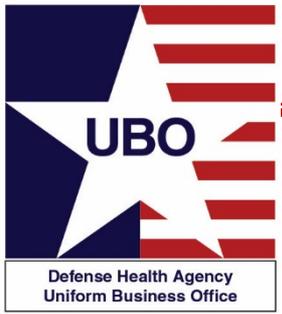
DHA UBO Helpdesk Q&A

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- **1) “I'm trying to locate CPT XXXX or HCPCS XXXX, but cannot seem to find this code, or no rate is attached. Please assist.”**
 - **DHA UBO Helpdesk Response:** There is not currently a rate assigned to code XXXX. Please submit the below justification information for a rate request:
 - Date of service
 - Number of times used
 - Specific details of when/how the code is being used
 - Any further written justification of why a rate should be assigned

- **2) Where are the TRICARE CMAC rates? I do not see them on the UBO Web site.**
 - **DHA UBO Helpdesk Response:** TRICARE CMAC rates are available on the Health.mil Web site under the “Rates and Reimbursement” (<http://www.health.mil/Military-Health-Topics/Business-Support/Rates-and-Reimbursement>) section. These rates are used to recover the cost of healthcare services provided by MTFs that abides by DoD/VA Resource Sharing agreements. These rates are different than the DHA UBO CMAC rates which are based on TRICARE CMAC rates, but are formatted for military billing systems and include charges for additional services not reimbursed by TRICARE.

- **3) Where can I find MAC billing rates from previous years?**
 - **DHA UBO Helpdesk Response:** MAC rates are same as DHA UBO Inpatient Adjusted Standardized Amounts (ASA) and Outpatient rates, but must first be approved by Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and published in the Federal Register (FR)
 - You can find the appropriate MAC rates under “UBO Archived Rates” on the DHA UBO Launchpad. Select the appropriate rate file according to the date(s) of service for MAC billing.



Summary

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Webinar Summary

- **2021 OP Rates Package pending final policy approval, July 1, 2021 was still the proposed effective date for billing for all care with a date of service after this date**
- **COVID-19 OOC Updates**
- **MAC Billing**
 - Updated rates used for MAC billing are the same as those included in the OP, IP and Rx rate packages. However, these rates (except Rx) must be approved by the OMB and published in the Federal Register before they can be used for MAC purposes. Effective rate based on date(s) of service.
- **Rate Requests for Procedures**
 - Rates determined based on Service/ NCR-MD requests, necessity, and PO approval.
 - Submit code with justification to the UBO Helpdesk via your Service Program Manager.
 - Requests reviewed, approved by UBO, and included in next cycle update or may constitute an out of cycle update.
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