



DHA UBO Webinar: CY2023 Outpatient Rates

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CY23 OP Rates Effective Date

- CY23 Outpatient rates have been submitted for approval with a tentative effective date of **September 1, 2023**.
- Codes or rates released after approval will be reviewed on a quarterly basis with an effective date set by the DoD DHA UBO Program Office.



DHA UBO Rate Structures



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DHA UBO Rate Structures

- Widely used billing rate structures intended to recover costs in the military fixed facilities.
 - Full or Third-Party Collections (TPC).
 - Interagency.
 - International Military Education & Training (IMET).
- The DHA UBO Program Office recommends billing rates for contractors and foreign nationals supporting deployed forces.
- Patient Identification Process (PIP), formerly known as the Patient Category (PATCAT) assignment, drives the assignment of the applicable rate structure.



UBO Rate Structures:

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.



UBO Rate Structures: Interagency Billing 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.



UBO Rate Structures:

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.*



UBO Rate Structures: The PATCAT Table/PIP

Patient category (PATCAT) assignment determines who should be billed and under which rate structure. This is known as the Patient Identification Process (PIP) within the new system.

DHA PATCAT Table v9.0													
Code	Subcat	Pat Cat Summary	NAS Author	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	RETIRED	FMR	NC	NC	NC	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
A25		DEPENDENT/RETIREE	FAM MBR OF RETIRED	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	RETIRED	NC	NC	NC	NC	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO

Link: [Patient Categories | Health.mil](https://www.health.mil/patient-categories)



Outpatient Rate Package



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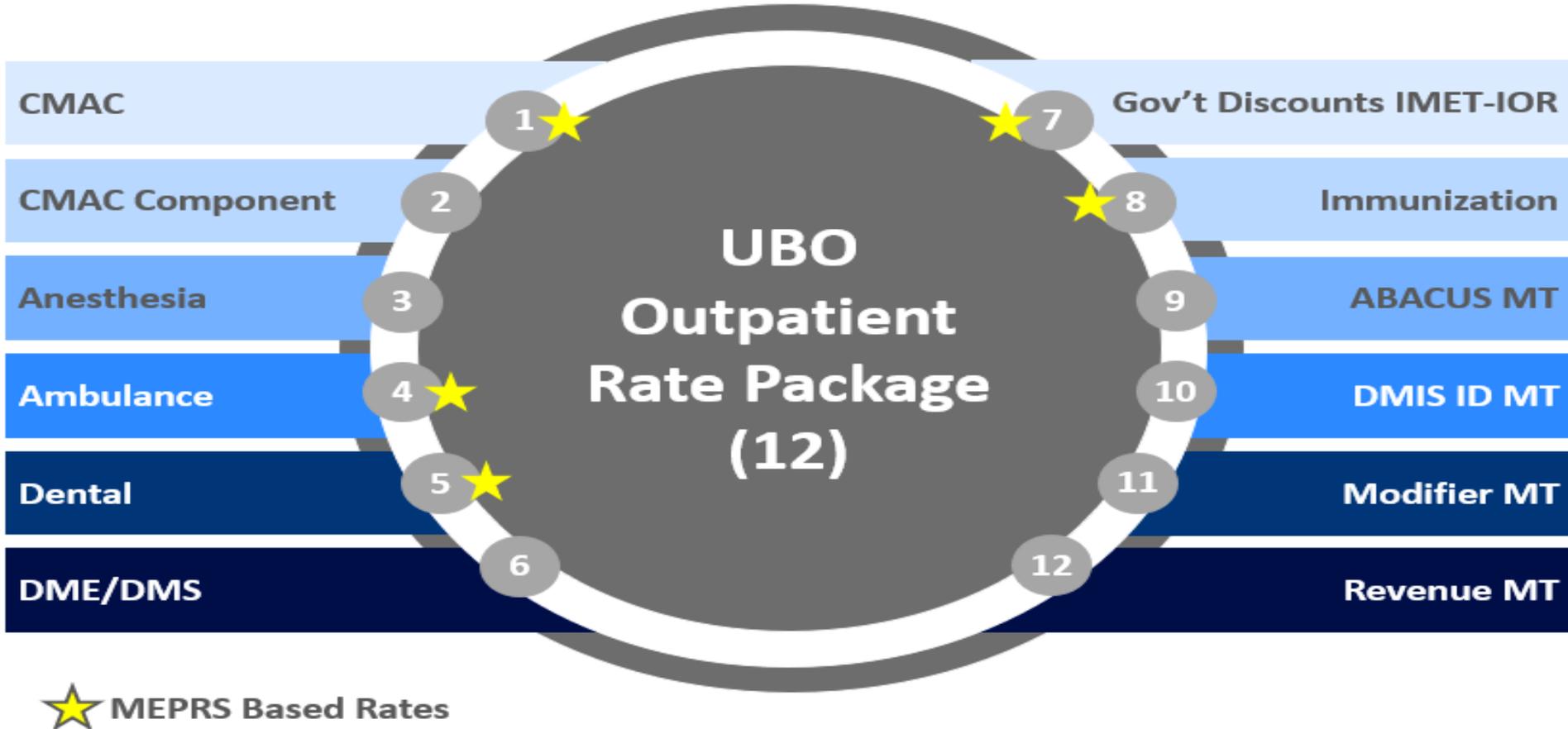


Outpatient Rates Overview

- CY 2023 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.



Rate Package Components



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CMAC & CMAC Component Rates

- **Overview**

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

- **2023 Highlights**

- Certain CMAC codes are not available for separate reimbursement.
 - ✓ ED Rates
 - ✓ Observation
 - ✓ Moderate Sedation
- 0.95% Overall Average decrease from CY22
- CY23 new codes became effective **January 1, 2023**. The rest of the file for CY23 have a tentative effective date of **September 1, 2023**.

<u>CPT Cod</u>	<u>Description</u>
99024	POST OPERATIVE FOLLOW-UP VISIT
G0379	Dir Admit for OBS
99242	OP Consult Code
99243	OP Consult Code
99244	OP Consult Code
99245	OP Consult Code
99252	IP Consult Code
99253	IP Consult Code
99254	IP Consult Code
99255	IP Consult Code



CMAC & CMAC Component Rates

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.



CMAC & CMAC Component Rates

There are 114 Active TRICARE Localities for CY23

- 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:*
301 ALABAMA [Submit]

Results: CMAC Procedure Pricing

Locality Code: 301
Locality Name: ALABAMA

35004 35005 35006 35007 35010 35011 35013 35014 35015 35016 35019 35020 35021 35022 35023 35031 35032 35033 35034 35035 35036 35038 35040 35041 35042 35043 35044 35045 35046
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Link: [Locality To ZIP | Health.mil](#)

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CMAC & CMAC Component Rates

- 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	2022	2023	Percent Change
99281	\$74.08	\$75.00	1.24%
99282	\$134.15	\$139.69	4.13%
99283	\$236.35	\$245.03	3.67%
99284	\$371.52	\$381.61	2.72%
99285	\$533.27	\$548.11	2.78%



CMAC & CMAC Component Rates

- 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.



Anesthesia Rates

- Overview

- Flat Rate Calculation.
- Applied TRICARE Reimbursement Formula.
- (Average Time Units + Base Units) x National Average Conversion Factor.
- 2023 Total Codes: 276.

- 2023 Highlights

- Overall Decrease of -2%
- Updated CPA methodology:
 - ✓ Total professional anesthesia-based rate = [(base rate) + (interval rate * number of 15-minute time intervals)]
 - ✓ Actual Time Used
 - ✓ Locality Specific

DHA UB04 CPT23 Anesthesia Rate Table

CPT Code	2023 Rate	Short Descriptor
00100	\$306.73	NESTH, SALIVARY GLAND
00102	\$243.99	NESTH, REPAIR OF CLEFT LIP
00103	\$198.79	NESTH, BLEPHAROPLASTY
00104	\$109.43	NESTH, ELECTROSHOCK
00120	\$266.17	NESTH, EAR SURGERY
00124	\$147.03	NESTH, EAR EXAM
00126	\$133.93	NESTH, TYMPANOTOMY
00140	\$194.77	NESTH, PROCEDURE ON EYE
00142	\$133.09	NESTH, LENS SURGERY
00144	\$249.06	NESTH, CORNEAL TRANSPLANT
00145	\$250.12	NESTH, VITRECTOMY
00147	\$167.52	NESTH, IRIDECTOMY
00148	\$152.94	NESTH, EYE EXAM
00160	\$230.90	NES,NOSE/ACC SINUS;NOS
00162	\$434.75	NES,NOSE/ACC SINUS;RADICL SRG
00164	\$187.80	NESTH, BIOPSY OF NOSE
00170	\$221.60	NESTH, PROCEDURE ON MOUTH
00172	\$403.49	NESTH, CLEFT PALATE REPAIR
00174	\$328.07	NES,EXC RETROPHARYNGEAL TUMOR
00176	\$760.29	NES,INTRAORAL;RADICAL SURGERY
00190	\$301.03	NESTH, FACIAL BONE SURGERY
00192	\$377.92	NESTH, FACIAL BONE SURGERY

Flat Rate Calculation

CDM Description	CPT Code	Type of Pricing	# of 15 minute intervals	TRICARE Base Unit	Locality CF →	
					390 Alaska	314 Colorado
Anes Salivary Gland w Biopsy	00100	Base	N/A	5.0	\$204.00	\$105.55
		Interval	1	N/A	\$40.80	\$21.11
		Base + Interval	4	5.0	\$367.20	\$189.99



Ambulance Rates

- Overview
 - 2022 Full Rate: \$285.18
 - 2023 Full Rate: \$296.96
- 2023 Highlights
 - Overall Increase of +4.13%
 - Updated CPA methodology:
Charges based on number of minutes

Ambulance Codes Assigned a Rate		
A0426	A0428	A0433
A0427	A0429	A0999



Dental Rates

- Overview

- The updated Defense Health Agency CY22 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) *CDM will not include W codes
 - ✓ W Codes are DoD Specific but non-billable. They replaced Dental A-codes so as not to cause confusion with standard HCPCS A-codes.

- 2023 Highlights

- Overall increase of **+22.14%**.
- Added 22 new codes, 10 revised codes, 11 deleted codes.
- 845 total Dental codes.



Durable Medical Equipment & Supplies DME/DMS Rates

- Overview

- Expenses allocated for equipment and supplies.
- Based On:
 - ✓ CMS Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics/Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS) Fee Schedule.
 - ✓ Purchased Care Data.
 - ✓ Defense Medical Logistics Standard Support (DMLSS) Master Catalog used for several codes within CPA



Government Discounts IMET-IOR Rates

- Overview
 - International Military Education & Training (IMET).
 - Interagency Outpatient Rates (IOR).
- 2023 Highlights

Type of Discount	Discounted Services Except Ambulance and Dental	Ambulance Services	Dental Services	Applicable PATCAT
IMET	0.6186	0.6186	0.4275	Misc.
IOR	0.9402	0.9402	0.9467	Misc.
IOR	0.9402	0.9402	0.9467	K611
IOR	0.8	0.8	0.8	K612



Immunization Rates

- Overview

- 1st Priority – CMAC TRICARE Provided Rates (Released Quarterly).
- 2nd Priority – Purchased Care Allowable Amounts (Previous Fiscal Year).
- 3rd Priority – MEPRS Based Flat Rate.
 - ✓ 2022 Flat Rate: \$71.19
 - ✓ 2023 Flat Rate: \$74.14 (Increased by 4.13%).

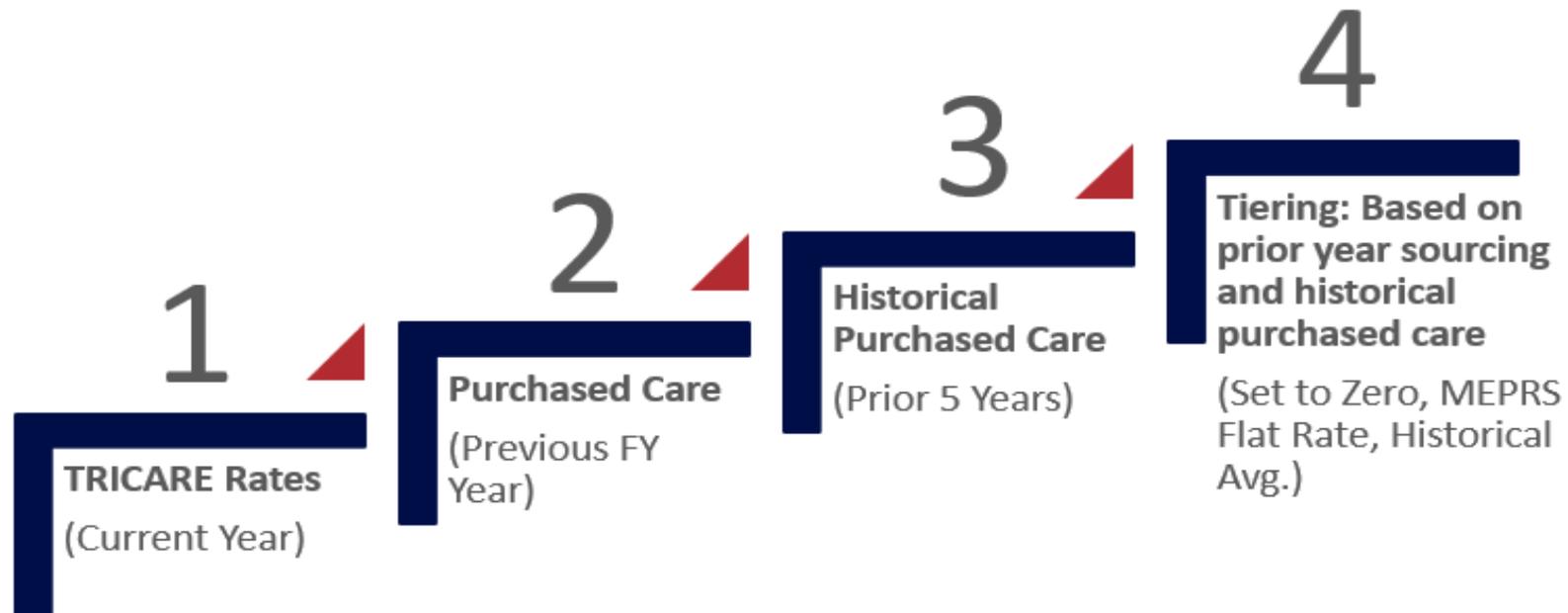
- 2023 Highlights

- 69 New Codes, 3 Deleted Codes.
- 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.



Immunization Rates

- 2023 Process by Sourcing Priority
- Historical Purchased Care Pull for Outlier Rates +/-30% variance.

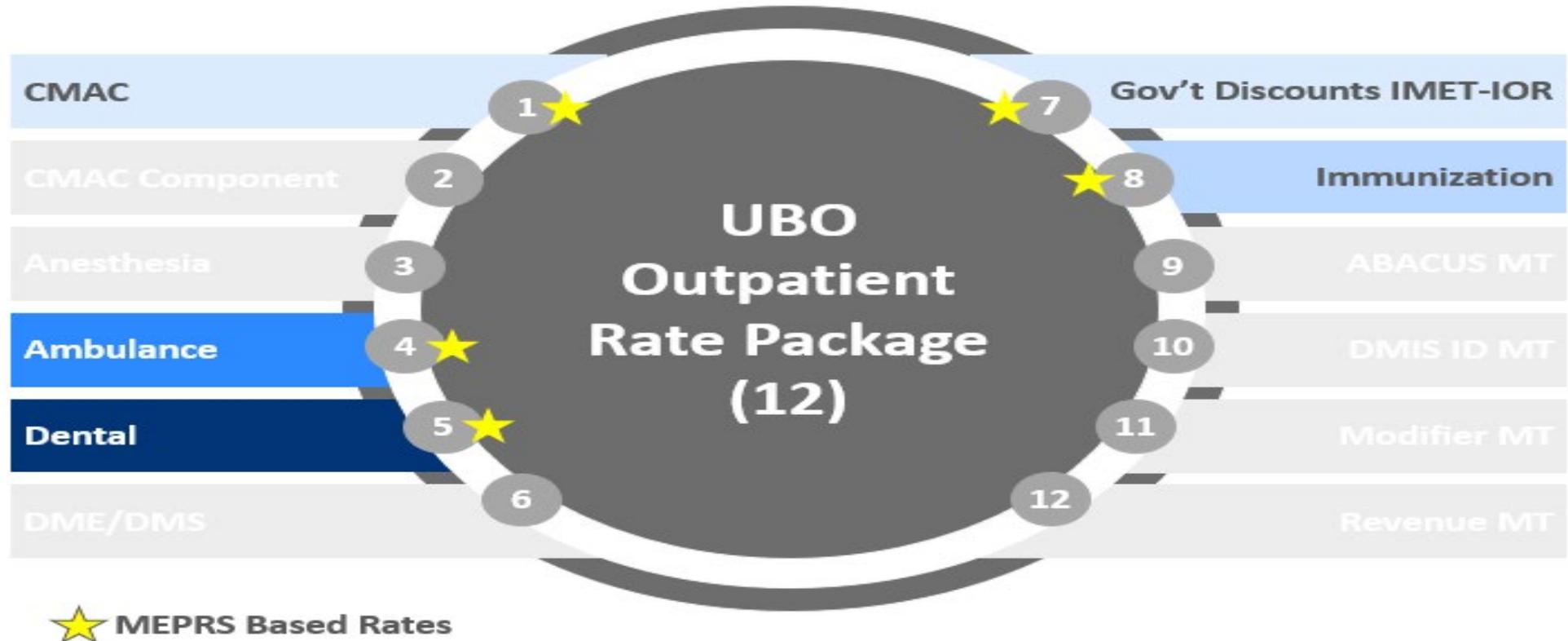


Mapping Tables Overview

- **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.



Rate Package Components – MEPRS Based Rates



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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
- CY23 Development Cycle
 - MEPRS data was not mature during the CY23 outpatient rates development cycle, thus, codes adjusted with MEPRS data were developed using an alternative method.
 - ✓ Alternative Method: O&M Inflation Factor (+4.13%) was used as the CY23 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.



CY23 Outpatient Rate Summary

- 2023 Outpatient Rate package is set to be effective **September 1, 2023**.
 - 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.



Rate Requests



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Rate Requests

- Rate Requests:
 - Several procedure codes and NDC pricing requests were received in CY23
- Assigning Rates per 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.



Rate Requests

Process for Requesting Rates for Procedure Codes

- 1) 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 UBO Manager/Lead.
- 4) UBO Manager/Lead 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 update.



DHA UBO Inpatient Rates



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Inpatient Rates

- Inpatient rates - Billing inpatient medical services at MTFs.
 - Each inpatient MTF using the legacy billing system has an Adjusted Standardized Amount (ASA) and utilizes DRG-based billing.
 - Each inpatient MTF using CPA, has a regionally assigned Room and Board rate and utilizes itemized inpatient billing.
- Effective rates for CY 2023 Inpatient Billing Rates.
 - Rates are effective **January 1, 2023**, until superseded.



CPA Billing Holds

- Currently there is a rate toggle effort that needs to occur for the below encounters to update pricing:
 - DOD IP Room and Bed Clean Up for IP encounters with charges posted between 11/1/2022- 5/2/2023
 - DoD Pharmacy Clean Up for all encounters with pharmacy charges posted between 4/1/2022 and 1/19/2023
 - DoD Pharmacy Clean Up for VA-DoD Sharing encounters with charges posted between 4/1/2022 and 4/19/2023
- System applied hold and clean-up effort



Billing Tips and Reminders



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Billing Tips and Reminders: Updates

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

- Proper PIP/PATCAT assignment drives applicable rate structure and code assignment.



Billing Tips and Reminders: Health Plan and Policy Billing Guidelines

- Claim formats that are used in the MHS are based on encounter services provided, payer requirements, and DHA 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



Billing Tips and Reminders:

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).



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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 displays the Health.mil website interface. At the top left is the Health.mil logo with the tagline "Improving Health and Building Readiness. Anytime, Anywhere — Always." and a sub-tagline "The official website of the Military Health System and Defense Health Agency." To the right of the logo are social media icons for Instagram, LinkedIn, Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, and Email. Below the logo is a navigation menu with items: "About the MHS", "Military Health Topics", "Training", "News & Gallery", "Reference Center", "I Want To...", and a search icon. A breadcrumb trail reads: "MHS Home > Military Health Topics > Health Care Administration & Operations > Uniform Business Office". A "Need larger text?" link is visible in the top right of the content area.

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Uniform Business Office

The Army, Navy, Air Force, and Defense Health Agency establish and operate UBO offices at Defense Health Program fixed military treatment facilities throughout the world that administer Third Party Collections, Medical Services Account, and Medical Affirmative Claim Programs:

- MSA activities involve the first-payer billing of individuals and other Government Agencies for services rendered in MTFs to include, but not limited to, the U.S. Coast Guard, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and the U.S. Public Health Service.
- TPC activities involve billing third-party payers on behalf of non-active duty family members and dependents for treatment provided in MTFs.
- MAC activities involve billing all areas of liability insurance, such as automobile, products, premises and general casualty, homeowner's and renter's insurance, medical malpractice (by civilian providers), and workers' compensation (other than Federal employees).

These efforts are coordinated by the [Chartered UBO Advisory Working Group](#), composed of the DHA, Army, Navy, and Air Force Program Managers who meet quarterly to review and recommend effective processes to identify, review, validate, and prioritize functional changes and business process improvements to support MTF revenue cycle management activities.

UBO offices focus on ensuring that billable services are identified; payer information is available; accurate and complete claims are generated; and appropriate collections are received. Together, the three cost recovery programs provide the business processes for cost recovery including collections control, accounts receivable, and deposits.

The UBO Mission

Our mission is to optimize allowable health care cost recovery within compliance guidelines in support of the operational and readiness mission of the MHS.

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MHS UBO Rates

MHS rates are used to determine charges for medical and dental services.

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CMAC Rates

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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.

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Link: [MHS UBO Rates | Health.mil](https://www.health.mil/Uniform-Business-Office/UBO-Rates-Overview/MHS-UBO-Rates)



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Launchpad

- **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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DHA Uniform Business Office

Military Health System 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 bin 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.

UBO rates differ slightly from the standard TRICARE rates. UBO rates are specifically formatted for military billing systems, and include charges for additional services not reimbursed by TRICARE.

The Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs (ASD/HA) approved the implementation of [REVISED CY 2016 Outpatient Medical, Dental, and Cosmetic Procedure Reimbursement Rates](#) for direct care received at military treatment facilities (MTFs) as on November 1, 2016. These rates are used to determine:

- Charges for medical and dental services provided on an outpatient basis
- Ambulatory services
- Inpatient cosmetic surgery services

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

The ASD/HA also approved the [FY 2017 Inpatient Billing Rates](#) for direct care received at MTFs effective October 1, 2016, and will remain in effect until further notice. These rates are used to determine charges for inpatient professional and institutional health care services provided in MTFs under the Defense Health Program (DHP).

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

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

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

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Webinar Summary

- **Rate Requests for Procedures**
 - Rates determined based on necessity, and PO approval.
 - Submit code with justification to the UBO Helpdesk via your UBO Manager.
 - ✓ Requests reviewed, approved by UBO, and included in next cycle update or may constitute an out of cycle update.
- **Follow Policy Billing Guidelines to ensure proper billing.**
 - MHS claims based on services provided, payer requirements, and DHA billing policies.
 - PATCAT/PIP assignment drives correct billing and identifies the appropriate rate structure.
- **DHA UBO information is maintained on Health.mil and Launchpad.**
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