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## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST**

The following information applies to the attached response.

### Data Source

Military Health System Data Repository (MDR) elements:

- Eligibility: Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS)
- Claims: Standard Inpatient Data Record (SIDR)  
Standard Ambulatory Data Record (SADR)  
TRICARE Encounter Data--Institutional Record (TED-I)  
TRICARE Encounter Data--Non-institutional Record (TED-N)

### Criteria

Unless otherwise indicated, the following applies to all attached “Tables”.

- Eligibility information was extracted on April 9, 2009.
- Claims information was extracted on May 19, 2009.
- Inclusion in the attached Tables required
  - TRICARE eligibility as of December 31, 2008.
  - More than two claims for episodes of care related to an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) during the calendar year period 2005 through 2008.
- Beneficiary “Category” was as indicated on the DEERS record.