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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST 09032

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.
- Inclusion in Tables reporting the TRICARE Extended Care Health Option (ECHO) data required registration in the ECHO as of December 31 of the calendar year during which the beneficiary had an episode of care through the ECHO.
- Beneficiary "Category" was as indicated on the DEERS record.
- Except for Table 09032-3, beneficiary age was not a criterion.
- It is noted that, except as otherwise allowed (as in the case of a beneficiary in the "Transitional Assistance Management Program") dependents of retired service members and dependents of the Reserve Component (RC) not activated for a period of more than 30 days are not eligible for the ECHO. The attached ECHO-related tables have not been parsed to exclude such beneficiaries, if any.