

ACTION MEMO

FOR: John P. Roth

FROM: Anne J. McAndrew

SUBJECT: Medical Billing Rates for Other than Foreign Military Personnel Utilizing
Department of Defense Deployed/Non-Fixed Medical Facilities

- The Acting Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness requests OUSD(C) review, sign, and post the revised Medical Billing Rates for Other than Foreign Military Personnel Utilizing Department of Defense Deployed/Non-Fixed Medical Facilities memo (**TAB 1**) to the Comptroller's public website. The link will be "Deployed/Non-Fixed Medical Facility Billing Rates (Tab 1b)".
- These rates are used to bill for services provided at military deployed/non-fixed medical facilities to the following groups of users:
 - Department of Defense essential personnel
 - Contractor employees in support of deployed forces
 - Embedded media, and
 - Civilian emergencies
- These rates do not apply to any members covered under Acquisition and Cross Service Agreements.
- The Outpatient visit rate rose 0.9% to \$349 and the Inpatient visit rate rose 2.6% to \$4,007. These rates are based upon FY 2016 expense and workload data.
- These facilities are under the command and control of the Combatant Commands and are not funded by the Defense Health Program; therefore, the rates are established by the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller).
- Rates are effective on the date signed and remain in effect until superseded.
- The previous rate memorandum and guidance are at **TAB B** for reference.

RECOMMENDATION: Sign the new medical billing rates memo at **TAB A** and initial below to approve posting the Deployed/Non-Fixed Medical Facility Billing Rates to the Comptroller public website:

Approve _____ Disapprove _____

Attachments: As stated

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Lannon	<i>KL</i>	11/2/17

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MEMORANDUM FOR DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY (BUDGET), OFFICE OF THE
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE ARMY (FINANCIAL
MANAGEMENT AND COMPTROLLER)
DIRECTOR FOR OFFICE OF BUDGET/FISCAL MANAGEMENT,
OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
(FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND COMPTROLLER)
DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY (BUDGET), OFFICE OF THE
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE (FINANCIAL
MANAGEMENT AND COMPTROLLER)

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This memorandum establishes medical billing rates for contractors deploying with U.S. Armed Forces, Department of Defense (DoD) civilians (both U.S. citizens and non-U.S. citizens, both essential and nonessential, both paid by appropriated funds and non-appropriated funds), media embedded in U.S. Armed Forces units, insurers of Military Health System beneficiaries, civilian emergencies, and others who receive medical care from a deployed/non-fixed medical facility. These rates do not apply to foreign military patients receiving services under Acquisition and Cross-Servicing Agreements. This memorandum does not establish eligibility for care and does not apply to Military Treatment Facilities funded by the Defense Health Program.

The following reimbursement rates (fixed and variable costs) should be used by the deployed/non-fixed medical facilities to calculate charges:

- Inpatient daily rate: \$4,007. Date of discharge is not billed unless patient is admitted and discharged on the same day.
- Outpatient visit rate: \$349. A visit is an encounter with a provider with clinical privileges to include diagnostic imaging, laboratory/pathology, and pharmacy provided at the medical facility. It does not include costs of services/supplies ordered by the provider, but furnished by an entity other than the deployed medical facility (e.g., a pharmacy order purchased by the patient in the open economy).

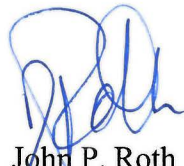
These rates are to be used for medical services rendered from the date of this memorandum and are effective until updated. The following conditions must be satisfied to support the reimbursement process:

- Pursuant to DoD Instruction 3020.41, "Operational Contract Support," December 20, 2011, to provide care for contractors deploying with the force, the contract must specify which medical services are available. Contracts that permit the

provision of any services in addition to emergency medical care shall specify that the care be provided on a space-available, fully reimbursable basis.

- Letters of Authorization
 1. The patient must provide a letter of authorization from the contracting officer stating authorized health care, and the entity responsible for payment of the bill.
 2. The letter of authorization must have been approved by the Joint Force Command Surgeon, based upon the existing capabilities of the forward-deployed medical facilities.
- Established Military Department directed billing and collections policies and procedures for deployed/non-fixed medical facilities.

My point of contact for this action is Ms. DeLisa Prater, Defense Health Agency/Uniform Business Office Program Manager. She may be reached at (703) 275-6380, or delisa.e.prater.civ@mail.mil.



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