

Time	Topic	Presenter
3:45 pm	Executive Session. Adjourn.	
4:30 pm		

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. paragraph 552b, as amended, and 41 CFR paragraph 102-3.155, the Department of Defense has determined that the meeting shall be closed to the public. The Director, U.S. Nuclear Command and Control System Support Staff, in consultation with his General Counsel, has determined in writing that the public interest requires that all sessions of the committee's meeting will be closed to the public because they will be concerned with classified information and matters covered by section 5 U.S.C. paragraph 552b(c)(1).

Committee's Designated Federal Officer: Mr. William L. Jones, (703) 681-8681, U.S. Nuclear Command and Control System Support Staff (NSS), Skyline 3, 5201 Leesburg Pike, Suite 500, Falls Church, Virginia 22041. William.jones@nss.pentagon.mil.

Pursuant to 41 CFR paragraphs 102-3.105(j) and 102-3.140, and section 10(a)(3) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, the public or interested organizations may submit written statements at any time to the Nuclear Command and Control System Federal Advisory Committee about its mission and functions. All written statements shall be submitted to the Designated Federal Officer for the Nuclear Command and Control System Federal Advisory Committee. He will ensure that written statements are provided to the membership for their consideration. Written statements may also be submitted in response to the stated agenda of planned committee meetings. Statements submitted in response to this notice must be received by the Designated Federal Official at least five calendar days prior to the meeting which is the subject of this notice. Written statements received after that date may not be provided or considered by the Committee until its next meeting. All submissions provided before that date will be presented to the committee members before the meeting that is subject of this notice. Contact information for the Designated Federal Officer is listed above.

Dated: October 22, 2008.

Patricia L. Toppings,

*OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer,
Department of Defense.*

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Membership of the Performance Review Board

AGENCY: Department of Defense; Defense Finance and Accounting Service.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the appointment of the members of the Performance Review Board (PRB) of the Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS). The publication of PRB membership is required by 5 U.S.C. 4314(C)(4).

The Performance Review Board (PRB) provides fair and impartial review of Senior Executive Service performance appraisals and makes recommendations regarding performance ratings and performance scores to the Director, DFAS.

DATES: *Effective Date:* November 18, 2008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Denise Thornburg, DFAS SES Program Manager, Defense Finance and Accounting Service, Arlington, Virginia, (303) 337-3288.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 4314(C)(4), the following executives are appointed to the Defense Finance and Accounting Service PRB: Richard Gustafson, Steve Turner, Nancy Zmyslinski. Executives listed will serve a one-year renewable term, effective November 18, 2008.

Dated: October 22, 2008.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

TRICARE; Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services (CHAMPUS); Fiscal Year 2009 Diagnosis Related Group (DRG) Updates

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice of DRG revised rates.

SUMMARY: This notice describes the changes made to the TRICARE DRG-Based Payment System in order to conform to changes made to the Medicare Prospective Payment System (PPS).

It also provides the updated fixed loss cost outlier threshold, cost-to-charge ratios, and the Internet address for accessing the updated adjusted standardized amount and DRG relative weights to be used for Fiscal Year (FY) 2009 under the TRICARE DRG-Based Payment System.

DATES: *Effective Dates:* The rates, weights, and Medicare PPS changes which affect the TRICARE DRG-Based Payment System contained in this notice are effective for admissions occurring on or after October 1, 2008.

ADDRESSES: TRICARE Management Activity (TMA), Medical Benefits and Reimbursement Systems, 16401 East Centretech Parkway, Aurora, CO 80011-9066.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Ann N. Fazzini, Medical Benefits and Reimbursement Branch, TMA, telephone (303) 676-3803.

Questions regarding payment of specific claims under the TRICARE DRG-Based Payment System should be addressed to the appropriate contractor.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The final rule published on September 1, 1987 (52 FR 32992), set forth the basic procedures used under the CHAMPUS DRG-Based Payment System. This was subsequently amended by final rules published August 31, 1988 (53 FR 33461), October 21, 1988 (53 FR 41331), December 16, 1988 (53 FR 50515), May 30, 1990 (55 FR 21863), October 22, 1990 (55 FR 42560), and September 10, 1998 (63 FR 48439).

An explicit tenet of these final rules, and one based on the statute authorizing the use of DRGs by TRICARE, is that the TRICARE DRG-Based Payment System is modeled on the Medicare PPS, and that, whenever practicable, the TRICARE system will follow the same rules that apply to the Medicare PPS. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) publishes these changes annually in the **Federal Register** and discusses in detail the impact of the changes.

In addition, this notice updates the rates and weights in accordance with our previous final rules. The actual changes we are making, along with a