

CHIEF OF STAFF, ARMY, RETIREE COUNCIL ISSUE

ASCC: Army in Europe

INSTALLATION: Army in Europe

SUBJECT: Managed Care Support Contract for Overseas

DISCUSSION: The number of military treatment facilities (MTFs) in Europe and other overseas commands continues to decrease. TRICARE beneficiaries, to included Retired Soldiers, their families and survivors, and other eligible recipients, will be challenged to ensure they continue to receive adequate medical support from the enduring MTFs and host nation providers. In the latter case, this will involve the often complicated, confusing, and time-consuming process of seeking reimbursement for out-of-pocket expenses. The current TRICARE Service Centers located in most MTFs are not TRICARE funded and are primarily responsible for providing service to Active Duty members and their families.

The MCSC available to TRICARE beneficiaries in CONUS provide for regional contractors to help combine the services available at MTFs and those offered by the TRICARE network of civilian hospitals and providers to meet the health care needs of TRICARE beneficiaries.

Recommend Chief of Staff, Army, support the TRICARE initiative to issue a Managed Care Support Contract for overseas beneficiaries.

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