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As of December 3, 2007, TRICARE Dental Program (TDP) enrollees who reside in OCONUS areas must be Command Sponsored in order to receive OCONUS TDP cost-share benefits. If a TDP enrollee is not Command Sponsored, his/her claims will be paid under the CONUS cost-share structure.

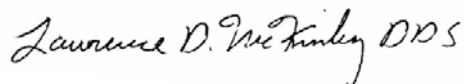
Prior to this announcement, payment of cost-shares and other out-of-pocket expenses for many TDP dental services performed OCONUS were paid by the Government for all OCONUS TDP enrollees. Paying for OCONUS TDP cost-share benefits for Non-Command Sponsored family members was inconsistent with other TRICARE programs and DoD TRICARE policy. Therefore, the Government has directed United Concordia to process TDP claims based upon DoD TRICARE policy. As such, Non-Command Sponsored TDP enrollees who receive dental care in OCONUS areas are now responsible for these cost-shares as well as any difference between the dentist's charge and United Concordia's allowances for treatment. The attached chart provides the cost-shares for both CONUS and OCONUS enrollees. TDP enrollees who receive dental treatment in OCONUS areas but are **not** Command Sponsored should use the **CONUS** cost-share columns to make informed decisions regarding their dental care, as higher out-of-pocket costs may result.

For purposes of the TDP, determination of a TDP enrollee's Command Sponsored status is based on their enrollment in either the TRICARE Overseas Program (TOP) Prime or TRICARE Global Remote Overseas (TGRO) program as reflected in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS).

This letter was sent to you because information in DEERS does not reflect your enrollment in either the TOP or TGRO program. As such, you are considered a Non-Command Sponsored OCONUS TDP enrollee. If you have chosen not to enroll in the TOP or TGRO and can prove your Command Sponsored eligibility in accordance with the Joint Federal Travel Regulation (JFTR) please provide the supporting documentation to United Concordia. For issues regarding your TOP or TGRO enrollment status in DEERS, contact your TOP TRICARE Area Office.

For questions regarding this OCONUS policy, please contact United Concordia at 1-888-418-0466 or email oconus@ucci.com.

Sincerely,



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Attachment: TRICARE Dental Program Enrollee Cost-Share Chart

TRICARE Dental Program Enrollee Cost-Share Chart

	CONUS		OCONUS Command Sponsored**
	E-1-E-4	All Other Pay Grades	All Pay Grades
Diagnostic	0%	0%	0%
Preventive*	0%	0%	0%
Emergency Services	0%	0%	0%
Sealants	20%	20%	0%
Consultation/Office Visit	20%	20%	0%
Post-surgical Services	20%	20%	0%
Basic Restorative	20%	20%	0%
Endodontic	30%	40%	0%
Periodontic	30%	40%	0%
Oral Surgery	30%	40%	0%
General Anesthesia	40%	40%	0%
Intravenous Sedation	50%	50%	0%
Miscellaneous Services (occlusal guard, athletic mouthguard, bleaching)	50%	50%	0%
Other Restorative	50%	50%	50%
Implant Services	50%	50%	50%
Prosthodontic	50%	50%	50%
Orthodontic***	50%	50%	50%

* Space maintainers are fully covered for patients under age 19 when involving posterior teeth. They are covered at a 20% cost-share for patients under age 19 when replacing anterior teeth only. Sealants are covered at 20% as noted above.

** Selected Reserve and IRR family members and IRR (other than Special Mobilization Category) members are responsible for the applicable cost-share portion regardless of where the treatment is received.

*** Orthodontic treatment is available for enrolled family members (non-spouse) up to, but not including, 21 years of age. A member who is enrolled as a full-time student at an accredited college or university is eligible up to, but not including, 23 years of age. Orthodontic treatment is also available for spouses and National Guard/Reserve members up to but not including 23 years of age. In all cases, coverage is effective until the end of the month in which the member reaches the applicable age limit.