



"MFTs Aren't CHAMPUS/TriCare Eligible:" FALSE

Now and then MFTs are told by managed care firms that manage the CHAMPUS/TriCare program for the U.S. Department of Defense that they are not eligible for reimbursement because *"MFTs are not eligible providers under CHAMPUS/TriCare"* or that *"MFTs need to be supervised by a physician in order to be reimbursed under CHAMPUS/TriCare."*

Both of these statements are false!

Background

TRICARE is a health care program for members of the uniformed services and their families, and survivors and retired members and their families. TRICARE brings together the health care resources of each of the military services and supplements them with networks of civilian health care professionals to provide better access and high quality service while maintaining the capability to support military operations. There are 11 TRICARE Regions in the U.S. plus TRICARE Europe, TRICARE Latin America and TRICARE Pacific. Each region has an assigned Lead Agent staff who are responsible for the military health system in that region. TRICARE Pacific is managed administratively by the Region 12 Lead Agent staff.

The Facts Concerning MFTs

Marriage and Family Therapists (MFTs), in both licensed and unlicensed states, are eligible for reimbursement under the TRICARE program. To get the details directly from the Department of Defense link to the following pages on the official TRICARE Web site:

- Get a copy of the [TRICARE regulations concerning MFTs](#). Print out a copy and give it to those who say that MFTs are not eligible under CHAMPUS/TRICARE.
- Review the [TRICARE Standard Provider Handbook](#)

- Visit the Department of Defense' [Military Health System](#) Web site to learn more about CHAMPUS and TRICARE.
- If your denial of coverage persists, contact AAMFT's Legal and Government Affairs Office at (703) 838-9808 or email us at LGA@aamft.org.

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