

Pediatric Program updates

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Agenda



- Pediatric Report to Congress NDAA 2013 s.735
 - Gaps and areas for consideration-Next steps
- Military Compensation and Reimbursement Modernization Committee (MCRMC) January 2015
 - Recommendations for ECHO
- Breastfeeding Policy July 01, 2015

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NDAA 2013 s. 735



- The report demonstrated sufficient access and adequacy of the TRICARE network for pediatric beneficiaries.
 - However, review is needed of several policies, benefits, or manual language as well as authorities, requirements, and costs before next steps can be defined.

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Key Issues



- Coordination of regional relocations for complex beneficiary and family.
- Access to data from Purchased care related to quality and access of Pediatric care.
- Review Preventive care benefit for well child care beyond age 5 years.
- Set and report MHS quality standards for Pediatric care.
- MHS Definition needed for either “Special Needs” or “Medically Complex”
- Include reporting of Pediatric care in the TRICARE annual report to Congress.

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- Recommendations for ECHO changes
 - Allow use of respite care without use of other ECHO service
 - Benefit expansion to allow diapers for incontinence of beneficiaries with mobility issues to preserve skin integrity.
 - Consider adoption of benefits in Medicaid Home and Community Based Waiver programs into ECHO
 - Consider adoption of Consumer Directed Care
- Working group developing option and cost estimates.

Breastfeeding Policy



- Authority granted in NDAA 2015 s.706 allowed TRICARE to **expand** the coverage for breastfeeding supplies and services
- Policy is effective July 01, 2015, but retroactive to date of Presidential signing on or after December 19, 2014
 - Reimbursement is available, with certain conditions, for those who purchased pump/supplies on/after December 19, 2014.
- Policy includes 1 breast pump (manual or standard), along with certain supplies for up to 36 months, and 6 outpatient lactation counseling visits with TRICARE authorized provider.

Breastfeeding Policy Specifics



- Mother delivered Nov 2014
purchased breast pump
Dec 09, 2014
 - Mother pregnant due in
October
 - Mother adopting and infant
with the intent to breast
feed.
- RX from provider
 - Receipt from pump purchase
on/after 19DEC2014
 - DME claim form
– OR
 - Contact MCSC for no cost pump
 - Pump supplies same process
for 36 months

Collaboration



- **Children's Hospital National conference- December 2014**
 - *Major General Thomas, speaker*
- **Children's Hospital visit Denver, CO- May 2015**
- **Pediatrics Round Tables (semiannual)**
 - June 2015
 - November 2015
- ***Town Hall for Breastfeeding Policy 2015***
 - *June 2015*

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