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TRICARE Overseas Medical Claim - *Retiree Checklist*

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- 1. Fastest Way to Get Reimbursed is to File Your Claim Online and Sign Up for Direct Deposit.
- 2. Applies to Both **Outpatient** and **Inpatient** Treatment. (Helpful tips on reverse.)
 - ➤ "Take-Home Medication" after Inpatient Discharge: File a Separate Claim.
- 3. All Claim Documentation is Legible and Produced in ENGLISH (to avoid processing delays).
 - > On Each Page: Patient's Name. Suggested: Write Sponsor's SSN or DBN. (See #2 reverse.)
 - ➤ Mailing Address: https://tricare.mil/PatientResources/Claims/MedicalClaims/FilingOverseas
- 4. **Important Note:** TRICARE does **not** reimburse these frequently claimed items:
 - ➤ Private Room (unless ordered by a doctor). Itemized Bill must say **Semi-Private**. (Patient pays the full cost difference between **Semi-Private** and **Private**).
 - > Private Nurse or Attendant.
 - ➤ Personal Items or Telephone Expenses.
 - > Translation Service.
 - > Transportation. (TRICARE only reimburses for urgent/emergent Ambulance.)
- 5. **DD Form 2642 TRICARE Medical Claim.** (See #2 reverse.)
 - > Ensure Your DD Form 2642 Personal Data matches your information in DEERS.
 - > Top Right-Hand Side: Write "Patient Paid in Full THB < Amount>". (If you did pay in full.)
 - ➤ Block 8a: If your doctor did not provide the diagnosis "ICD Code", it's ok (don't guess).
 - ➤ **Sign and Date** your DD Form 2642! (If you forget, your claim cannot be processed.)
 - ➤ If mailing, submit **Original Signature** DD Form 2642, not a photocopy.
- 6. DD Form 2527 Possible Third-Party Liability. (If applicable, see #5 reverse.)
- 7. Medical Certificate; OPD Report; Physiotherapy Report; Medical Report. (See #3 reverse.)
- 8. **Itemized Bills.** (Read ALL instructions on both sides of DD Form 2642; see #4 reverse.)
- 9. **Proof of Payment.** (Learn More: https://www.jusmagthai.com/medical.html#Proof)
- 10. Make and Keep a Complete Copy of Your Claim for Your Records! (See #7 reverse.)
- 11. Contact WPS or TRICARE Overseas (after claim received) to check if any claim errors.
 - ➤ Wisconsin Physicians Service (WPS) (Claims Processor): 1-877-451-8659 (USA)
 - ➤ Phone TRICARE Overseas Singapore Stateside: 1-877-678-1208 (USA)
 - ▶ Phone TRICARE Overseas Singapore Direct: +65-6339-2676 or Toll Free: 0018004418952
 - Email TRICARE Overseas (International SOS, Singapore): sin.tricare@internationalsos.com

Web: https://www.jusmagthai.com/medical.html#Claims Medical

• TRICARE Overseas Medical Claim (Retirees) - *Helpful Tips* •

- 1. This local checklist and tips supplements official TRICARE information and covers common claims issues. Using this information will help your claim to be error-free. Please do <u>not</u> submit this guide with your claim.
- 2. DD Form 2642 TRICARE Medical Claim. Carefully follow all instructions!
 - Ensure your Name, Address and SSN (or DoD Benefits Number (DBN)) entered on DD Form 2642 matches your information in <u>DEERS</u>, and that your **address** is in the **overseas region** (if you're an eligible Former Spouse use <u>your SSN</u>), else WPS will not process your claim and there's no certainty WPS will forward your claim to the correct TRICARE regional contractor. Further, if you have <u>not</u> signed up for claim reimbursement via <u>Direct Deposit</u> and wish to have a reimbursement check mailed to somewhere other than your DEERS address, write in the margin: "Please send reimbursement to _____".
 - All claim documents must be **readable**, and recommend all be in **ENGLISH**. Claims are often delayed, denied or "misplaced" when claims processors cannot read illegible handwriting, especially your **Name** and **SSN** (or **DBN** on your military ID card). **Important Note:** Do **not** use the 'DoD ID Number'.
 - If you have <u>not</u> yet signed up for claim reimbursement via Direct Deposit, you **must** indicate in Block 13 if you want **payment** in **US Dollars** or **'Local Foreign'**. If desiring reimbursement in Thai Baht (THB), check "Local Foreign" in Block 13 and write "Thai Baht" above it. Thai Baht is reimbursed by check, but <u>only</u> the payee's First and Last Names are printed on it **ensure you are able to cash it before requesting THB!** Checks are cut in the **signer's** name (Block 12a); if you're a spouse filing a claim on behalf of your sponsor, attach copy of marriage certificate. For all others, see Block 12 instructions.
 - Don't forget to Sign & Date! Date must be on or after date(s) of medical service, not before.
- 3. <u>Medical Documentation</u>. Inpatient claims require a detailed <u>Medical Report</u>. Outpatient claims require a <u>Medical Certificate</u> or <u>Outpatient Dept. (OPD) Report</u>, or a <u>Medical Report</u>. If you had physical therapy, a <u>Physiotherapy Report</u> is required. Documents <u>must</u> state all medical care provided. (Read the DD2642!)
 - Patient's Name and Date.
- Tests and Prescribed Medication (see DD Form 2642 instructions!).
- Inpatient or Outpatient.
- Doctor's Name and Signature.
- Complaint and Diagnosis.
- Name, Address and Telephone Number of the Medical Facility.
- 4. <u>Itemized Bills</u>. These are sometimes called **Statement Detail Report**, **Patient Detail Report**, **etc.**, and must be marked "**Paid**". Be sure to get one from your care provider. If inpatient, **must** state "Inpatient". If outpatient, not required to state "Outpatient"; it's ok. **Itemized Bills** must include: Hospital Name, Address, Telephone #, Doctor's Name, Medication (closely read DD Form 2642 "**Drugs**" section), Lab Work, X-rays, CT scans, MRIs and other tests. **Don't forget to include Proof of Payment!**
- 5. **DD Form 2527 Possible Third-Party Liability.** See DD Form 2642, Block 7 Instructions.
- 6. <u>Medical Care Summary Worksheet</u>. Optional. For claim clarity, this <u>worksheet</u> is just supplemental information you may include with the required claims documentation. Use at your discretion.
- 7. <u>Keep a Copy!</u> Keep a full copy of your claim to compare with your Explanation of Benefits (EOB). If it becomes necessary to file what is called a "Second Submission" or "Tracer" claim, a copy of your original claim (with postal receipt for mailed claims) helps to prove you filed it within the **three-year** time period from outpatient services received, or **three years** from date of inpatient discharge. <u>Mailed Claims</u>: Submit your original signature DD Form 2642 (keep a copy). For all other claim documents, we recommend you submit copies to WPS and keep the originals for your files. Allow up to **60 days** reimbursement for mailed claims.
- 8. Familiarize yourself with your TRICARE Plan: https://tricare.mil/Plans/HealthPlans.