



EXECUTIVE SERVICES
DIRECTORATE

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
WASHINGTON HEADQUARTERS SERVICES
1155 DEFENSE PENTAGON
WASHINGTON, DC 20301-1155



December 08, 2017

Mr. Dominic J. Mancini
Acting Deputy Administrator
Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs
Office of Management and Budget
Washington, DC 20503

Dear Mr. Mancini:

In accordance with title 5, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Act, Part 1320.13, "Emergency Processing," the Department of Defense requests emergency processing and approval of a public information collection. The National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017 is making significant changes to the TRICARE program including changes to the HMO-like health plan known as TRICARE Prime, to the PPO health plan previously called TRICARE Extra, and to the third health care option known as TRICARE Standard. The latter two programs will be terminated as of December 31, 2017 and be replaced by the TRICARE Select program. The purpose of this emergency submission is to obtain approval for the TRICARE Select information collection which is mandated to launch on 01/01/18. This information is required to ensure the beneficiary's benefits and claims are administered based on their plan of choice. The Paperwork Reduction Act submission package has been uploaded into ROCIS.

The Department of Defense cannot reasonably comply with the normal clearance procedures under title 5, CFR, Part 1320. Complying with the normal clearance procedures would delay or disrupt the implementation of the TRICARE Select program, and have a negative impact on our service members and compliance with new statute requirements, effective as of January 1, 2018. The information collection is essential to the mission of the Department. Given this, the Department is requesting emergency approval by December 22, 2017.

Please contact me for any additional information at 571-372-0493, or frederick.c.licari.civ@mail.mil.

Sincerely,

Frederick C. Licari
DoD Clearance Officer