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## **OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**

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## Dear Office Manager,

Congress has directed the Department of Defense to survey civilian physicians to determine if military service members and their families have access to care outside of the military. To assess this, we are gathering details surrounding health insurance and new patient acceptance by **Dr. <FNAME> <LNAME>**. Even if the provider named is no longer at this office, please reply to the first question in this survey so that we may report accurate statistics to Congress.

There are three easy ways to complete this **5-minute** survey:

1 Complete Online https://www.health.mil/Patient-Surveys

Select Survey #3: TRICARE Select Survey for Civilian Providers

Password: <PASSWORD>

2 Return by Mail Use the enclosed pre-paid envelope

**3 Return by Fax** 1-734-663-9084

If you are not the appropriate person to answer these questions, please pass this on to the person in your office most familiar with billing and insurance. If you have questions about the survey, call 1-866-387-9018.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

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## **SURVEY QUESTIONS ON REVERSE SIDE**

The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average five (5) minutes to complete, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing the burden, to the Department of Defense, Washington Headquarters Services, Executive Services Directorate, Information Management Division, whs.mc-alex.esd.mbx.dd-dod-information-collections@mail.mil (0720-0031). Respondents should be aware that notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information if it does not display a currently valid OMB control number. This Official DoD survey may be confirmed at the TRICARE website https://health.mil/surveys, click on Current Active Surveys, and find "Survey of Civilian Provider Acceptance of TRICARE Select."

## PRIVACY ADVISORY STATEMENT

Information is being collected for this Survey under the authority of the FY2015 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), Section 712 and will be used to help TRICARE health policy makers gauge civilian provider awareness and acceptance of the TRICARE Select health care benefit option and provide aggregated input to improve the Military Health System. All information will be de-identified prior to being reported. Completing the Survey is voluntary; you may stop the Survey at any time and skip any questions you choose. There is no penalty if you choose not to respond, although maximum participation is encouraged so the data will be complete and representative. Personally identifying information (PII) includes names, addresses, phone numbers, email addresses, Social Security numbers, medical IDs, etc. and should not be included in survey responses.

		EXPIRATION DATE: 00/31/2023
1.	On average, does Dr. <lname> provide treatment to patients at least 20 hours per week?</lname>	7. As of today, is Dr. <lname> a TRICARE Select network member?</lname>
2.	<ul> <li>Yes → Go to Question 2</li> <li>No, does not provide treatment, has retired, or provides treatment to patients less than 20 hours per week on average. → Thank you, please return the questionnaire</li> <li>Don't know, no longer here. → Thank you, please return the questionnaire</li> <li>Which of the following best describes Dr. <lname>'s principal employer?</lname></li> </ul>	O No O Yes O Don't Know  8. As of today, is Dr. <lname> accepting new TRICARE Select patients?  O Yes → Go to Question 10 O No → Go to Question 9</lname>
		O Don't Know → Go to Question 10  9. Why is Dr. <lname> not accepting new TRICARE</lname>
3.	O Government-sponsored facility or Government- run program O Military or Veteran treatment facility O School, university, or other academic institution O Contractor providing services for employment, insurance, or legal proceedings O Closed Panel HMO O Open Panel HMO O Prison or jail O Other	MARK ALL THAT APPLY  O Reimbursement too low O Customer service/paperwork problems O Problems with TRICARE in the past O Not aware of TRICARE Select O Inconvenience O Specialty or credential not covered O Prefers TRICARE Prime or TRICARE Plus O Too busy O Only takes private insurance O Problems getting into program/application in progress O Not accepting new patients O Other
5.	As of today, does Dr. <lname> accept any of the following forms of health insurance?</lname>	11. Why is Dr. <lname> not accepting new Medicare patients? MARK ALL THAT APPLY</lname>
	Yes     No       Medicare     ○       Medicaid     ○       TRICARE Select     ○       Private insurance     ○	O Reimbursement too low O Customer service/paperwork problems O Problems with Medicare in the past O Inconvenience O Specialty or credential not covered O Too busy
	Other:  O O  Odo not include PII)  O Does not accept any insurance O Not applicable, provides treatment free of charge → Thank you, please return	<ul> <li>Only takes private insurance</li> <li>Problems getting into program/application in progress</li> <li>Not accepting new patients</li> <li>Other (do not include PII)</li> </ul>
6.	the questionnaire As of today, does Dr. <lname> accept TRICARE Select as</lname>	12. As of today, is Dr. <lname> accepting <u>new patients</u>?</lname>
	payment in full?  O Yes → Go to Question 7  O No → Go to Question 8  O Don't Know → Go to Question 7  *001-00001*	O Yes O No O Don't Know  Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey. Please put this in the enclosed postage-paid envelope and return it to the Survey Processing Center or fax the survey to DataStat at 1-734-663-9084. If you have any questions about TRICARE, its specific health plans, or the benefits it provides, please visit the

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TRICARE web site at www.tricare.mil for assistance.