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assume financial responsibility. Patient Care Services is the sole source for providing authorization for non-Federal care at DHHS expense.

(b) *Maternity episode for active duty female members.* A pregnant active duty member who lives outside the MHSS inpatient catchment area of all USMTFs is permitted to choose whether she wishes to deliver in a closer civilian hospital or travel to the USMTF for delivery. If such a member chooses to deliver in a naval MTF, makes application, and presents at that facility at the time for delivery, the provisions of paragraph (a) of this section apply with respect to the furnishing of needed care, including routine newborn care (*i.e.*, nursery, newborn examination, PKU test, etc.); arrangements for care beyond the facility's capabilities; or the expenditure of funds for supplemental care or services. Pay expenses incurred for the infant in USMTFs or civilian facilities (once the mother has been admitted to the USMTF) from funds available for care of active duty members, *unless* the infant becomes a patient in his or her own right either through an extension of the birthing hospital stay because of complications, subsequent transfer to another facility, or subsequent admission. If the Government is to assume financial responsibility for:

(1) Care of pregnant members residing within the MHSS inpatient catchment area of a uniformed services hospital or in the inpatient catchment area of a designated USTF, such members are required to:

(i) Make application to that facility for care, or

(ii) Obtain authorization, per part 732 of this chapter, for delivery in a civilian facility.

(2) Non-Federal care of pregnant members residing outside inpatient catchment areas of USMTFs and USTFs, the member must request and receive authorization per part 732 of this chapter. Part 732 of this chapter also provides for cases of precipitous labor necessitating emergency care. OPNAVINST 6000.1, Management of Pregnant Servicewomen, contains medical-administrative guidelines on management prior to admission and after discharge from admission for delivery.

(c) *Reserve and National Guard personnel.* In addition to those services covered in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section, Reserve and National Guard personnel are authorized the following under conditions set forth. (See § 728.25 for additional benefits for National Guard personnel.)

(1) Personnel whose units have an active Army mission of manning missile sites are authorized spectacle inserts for protective field masks.

(2) Personnel assigned to units designated for control of civil disturbances are authorized spectacle inserts for protective field masks M17.

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Possession of an ID card (a green colored DD 2 (with letter suffix denoting branch of service), Armed Forces Identification Card; a green colored PHS 1866-1, Identification Card; or a red colored DD 2 Res (Reservists on active duty for training)) alone does not constitute sufficient proof of eligibility. Accordingly, make a DEERS check, per § 728.4(cc), before other than emergency care is rendered to the extent that may be authorized.

§ 728.14 Pay patients.

Care is provided on a reimbursable basis to: Coast Guard active duty officers, enlisted personnel, and academy cadets; Public Health Service Commissioned Corps active duty officers; and Commissioned Corps active duty officers of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Accordingly, patient administration personnel will initiate the collection action process in subpart J in each instance of inpatient or outpatient care provided to these categories of patients.

Subpart C—Members of Reserve Components, Reserve Officers' Training Corps, Navy and Marine Corps Officer Candidate Programs, and National Guard Personnel

§ 728.21 Navy and Marine Corps reservists.

(a) *Scope.* This section applies to reservists, as those terms are defined in

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§ 728.2, ordered to active duty for training or inactive duty training for 30 days or less. Reservists serving under orders specifying duty in excess of 30 days, such as Sea and Air Mariners (SAMS) while on initial active duty for training, will be provided care as members of the Regular service per subpart B.

(b) *Entitlement.* Per 10 U.S.C. 1074a(a), reservists who incur or aggravate an injury, illness, or disease in line of duty while on active duty for training or inactive duty training for a period of 30 days or less, including travel to and from that duty, are entitled to medical and dental care appropriate for the treatment of that injury, disease, or illness until the resulting disability cannot be materially improved by further hospitalization or treatment. Care is authorized for such an injury, illness, or disease beyond the period of training to the same extent as care is authorized for members of the Regular service (see subpart B) subject to the provisions of § 728.21(e).

(c) *Questionable circumstances.* If the circumstances are questionable, referral to the OMA or ODA is appropriate. If necessary, make referral to the Naval Medical Command (MEDCOM-33 for medical and MEDCOM-06 for dental) on determinations of entitlements.

(d) *Line of duty.* For the purpose of providing treatment under laws entitling reservists to care, an injury, illness, or disease which is incurred, aggravated, or becomes manifest while a reservist is employed in the performance of active duty for training or inactive duty training (including authorized leave, liberty and travel to and from either duty) will be considered to have been incurred in line of duty (LOD) unless the condition was incurred as a result of the reservist's own misconduct or under other circumstances enumerated in JAG Manual, chapter VIII. While the LOD investigation is being conducted, such reservists remain entitled to care. If the investigation determines that the injury or illness was not incurred in line of duty, the civilian humanitarian non-indigent rate is applicable if further care is required in naval MTFs. (See DOD Military Pay and Allowances En-

titlement Manual for allowable constructive travel times.)

(e) *Treatment and services authorized.* In addition to those services delineated above, the following may be rendered under circumstances outlined:

(1) Prosthetic devices, including dental appliances, hearing aids, spectacles, and orthopedic appliances that are lost or have become damaged during training duty, not through negligence of the individual, may be repaired or replaced at Government expense.

(2) Reservists covered by this subpart may be provided the following only if approved by the appropriate OMA or ODA, or by the Commander, Naval Medical Command (MEDCOM-33 for medical and MEDCOM-06 for dental) prior to initiation of services.

(i) Treatment for acute exacerbations of conditions that existed prior to a reservist's period of training duty. Limit care to that necessary for the prevention of pain or undue suffering until the patient can reasonably return to control of the member's private physician or dentist.

(A) Remediable physical defects and remediable treatment for other conditions.

(B) Elective surgery.

(ii) All dental care other than emergency treatment and that necessary to correct an injury incurred in the line of duty.

(f) *Authorization for care.* (1) Reservists covered by this subpart may be provided inpatient or outpatient care during a period of training duty without written authorization.

(2) Except in emergencies or when inpatient care initiated during a period of training duty extends beyond such period, reservists will be required to furnish written official authorization from their unit commanding officer, or higher authority, incident to receiving inpatient or outpatient care beyond the period of training duty. The letter of authorization will include name, grade or rate, social security number, and organization of the reservist; type of training duty being performed or that was being performed when the condition manifested; diagnosis (if known); and a statement that the condition was incurred in line of duty and that the reservist is entitled to care. If

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the reservist has been issued a notice of eligibility (NOE) (subpart I), the NOE may then be accepted in lieu of the letter of authorization. When authorization has not been obtained beforehand, care may be provided on a civilian humanitarian basis (see subpart G) pending final determination of eligibility.

§ 728.22 Members of other reserve components of the uniformed services.

(a) Members of reserve components of the Army and Air Force may be provided care the same as Navy and Marine Corps reservists.

(b) Members of reserve components of the Army and Air Force may be provided care in naval MTFs to the same extent that they are eligible for such care in MTFs of their respective services. Consult current Army Regulation 40-3, Medical, Dental, and Veterinary Care, or Air Force Regulation 168-6, Persons Authorized Medical Care, as appropriate, for particular eligibility requirements or contact the nearest appropriate service facility.

(c) When the service directive requires written authorization, obtain such authorization from the reservist's unit commanding officer or other appropriate higher authority.

(d) Naval MTFs in the United States are authorized to conduct physical examinations of and administer immunizations to inactive reserve Public Health Service commissioned officers upon presentation of a written request from the Commissioned Personnel Operations Division, OPM/OAM, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20852.

§ 728.23 Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC).

(a) *Eligible beneficiaries.* (1) Members of the Senior Reserve Officers' Training Corps of the Armed Forces including students enrolled in the 4-year Senior ROTC Program or the 2-year Advanced Training Senior ROTC Program.

(2) Designated applicants for membership in the Navy, Army, and Air Force Senior ROTC Programs during their initial 6-weeks training period (practice cruises or field training).

(3) Medical, dental, pharmacy, veterinary or science allied to medicine students who are commissioned officers of a reserve component of an Armed Force who have been admitted to and training in a unit of a Senior Reserve Officers' Training Corps.

(b) *Extent of care.* (1) While attending or en route to or from field training or practice cruises:

(i) Medical care for a condition incurred without reference to line of duty.

(ii) Routine dental care.

(iii) Prosthetic devices, including dental appliances, hearing aids, spectacles, and orthopedic appliances that have become damaged or lost during training duty, not through negligence of the individual, may be repaired or replaced as necessary at government expense.

(iv) Care of remediable physical defects, elective surgery or other remediable treatment for conditions that existed prior to a period of training duty are not authorized without approval from the appropriate OMA or ODA, or from the Commander, Naval Medical Command (MEDCOM-33 for medical and MEDCOM-06 for dental).

(v) Medical examinations and immunizations.

(vi) ROTC members are authorized continued medical care, including hospitalization, upon expiration of their field training or practice cruise period, the same as reservists in § 728.21(b) and § 728.22.

(2) While attending a civilian educational institution:

(i) Medical care in naval MTFs, including hospitalization, for a condition incurred in line of duty while at or traveling to or from a military installation for the purpose of undergoing medical or other examinations or for purposes of making visits of observation, including participation in service-sponsored sports, recreational, and training activities.

(ii) Medical examinations, including hospitalization necessary for the proper conduct thereof.

(iii) Required immunizations, including hospitalization for severe reactions therefrom.