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claims to the appropriate naval medical command in paragraphs (b)(1) through (c)(9) of this section. This is a local policy decision to enhance the maintenance of good public relations.

(12) The appropriate command in paragraphs (b)(1) through (c)(9) of this section for care rendered aboard commercial vessels en route to a location within the geographic areas listed.

(13) The commanding officer authorizing care in geographical areas not specifically delineated elsewhere in this section.

(d) *The Commander, Naval Medical Command (MEDCOM-333), Navy Department, Washington, DC 20372-5120.* Under the following circumstances, responsibility is vested in COMNAVMEDCOM for adjudication of claims:

(1) For reservists who receive treatment after completion of their active duty or inactive duty training as prescribed in § 732.12(b).

(2) For care rendered in Mexico to personnel stationed outside the areas of responsibility of the Southeast and Southwest Regions.

(3) For care rendered to members stationed in or passing through countries in Central and South America.

(4) For outpatient care rendered NATO active duty members.

(5) When Departmental level review is required prior to approval, adjudication, or payment. These claims:

(i) Will be considered on appeal.

(ii) Must be forwarded by the member through the adjudication authority chain of command (In instances of unusual or controversial denial of claims, the adjudication authority may forward claims to COMNAVMEDCOM on appeal, via the chain of command, with notification to the member.)

(6) For all inpatient and outpatient care of active duty Navy and Marine Corps members stationed in the United States who receive care in Canada.

§ 732.21 Medical board.

When adjudication authorities uncover conditions which may be chronic or otherwise potentially disabling, they should make a determination (with help from appropriate clinical specialists) as to the need for a medical board. Chapter 18 of MANMED and Medical Disposition and Physical

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Standards Notes, available from COMNAVMEDCOM (MEDCOM-25), provide guidance.

(a) Chronic conditions requiring a medical board include (but are not limited to):

(1) Arthritis,

(2) Asthma,

(3) Diabetes,

(4) Gout,

(5) Heart disease,

(6) Hypertension,

(7) Peptic ulcer disease,

(8) Psychiatric conditions, and

(9) Allergic conditions requiring desensitization.

(b) Other potentially disabling or chronic conditions may be referred to a medical board by the adjudication authority with the concurrence of an appropriate naval clinical specialist and the commander of the regional medical command.

§ 732.22 Recovery of medical care payments.

Adjudication authorities must submit evidence of payment to the action JAG designee per chapter 24 of the Manual of the Judge Advocate General (JAGMAN), in each instance of payment where a third party may be legally liable for causing the injury or disease treated, or when a Government claim is possible under workers compensation, no-fault insurance, or under medical payments insurance (all automobile accident cases).

(a) To assist in identifying possible third party liability cases, item 16 of each NAVMED 6320/10 must be completed whenever benefits are received in connection with a vehicle accident. Adjudication authorities should return for completion, as applicable, any claim received without item 16 completed.

(b) The front of a NAVJAG Form 5890/12 (Hospital and Medical Care, 3rd Party Liability Case) must be completed and submitted by adjudication authorities with evidence of payment. Block 4 of this form requires an appended statement of the patient or an accident report, if available. To ensure that Privacy Act procedures are accomplished and documented, the person securing such a statement from a

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recipient of care must show the recipient the Privacy Act statement printed at the bottom of the form prior to securing such a statement. The member should be asked to sign his or her name beneath the statement.

(c) For care rendered in States with no-fault insurance laws, comply with procedures outlined in §732.19(c)(3).

§ 732.23 Collection for subsistence.

The Navy Pay and Personnel Procedures Manual provides guidance regarding pay account checkage procedures to liquidate subsistence charges incurred by members entitled to care under the provisions of this part. Such members must also be entitled to basic allowance for subsistence (BAS) while hospitalized at Government expense. The responsible activity (the adjudication authority or the naval MTF to which such a member is transferred) should follow procedures outlined in the Navy Pay and Personnel Procedures Manual when an eligible officer or enlisted member of the naval service is subsisted at Department of the Navy expense while hospitalized in a nonnaval treatment facility. Subpart C contains the creditable accounting

classification for inpatient subsistence collections.

§ 732.24 Appeal procedures.

When a claim for care or a request for prior approval for nonemergency care is initially denied by an adjudication authority, the member may appeal the denial as outlined below. Any level in the appeal process may over-rule the previous decision and order payment of the claim in whole or in part or grant the request for prior approval of care.

(a) Level I—Reconsideration by the adjudication authority making the initial denial. The member should submit any additional information that may mitigate the initial denial.

(b) Level II—Consideration by the commander of the regional medical command having cognizance over the adjudication authority which upheld the initial denial on reconsideration.

(c) Level III—Consideration by COMNAVMEDCOM (MEDCOM-333).

Subpart C—Accounting Classifications for Nonnaval Medical and Dental Care Expenses and Standard Document Numbers

§ 732.25 Accounting classifications for nonnaval medical and dental care expenses.

Approp.	Sub-Head	OBJ.** Class	BCN	SA	AAA	TT	PAA	Cost Code	Purpose
17*1804	188M	000	00018	M	000179	2D	MDQ000	990010000MDQ	Outpatient Care Service Expenses. ^{1 2}
17*1804	188M	000	00018	M	000179	2D	MDT000	990010000MDT	Outpatient Care Supply Expenses. ^{1 3}
17*1804	188M	000	00018	M	000179	2D	MDE000	990010000MDE	Ambulance Expenses. ¹
17*1804	188M	000	00018	M	000179	2D	MDQI00	990020000MDQ	Inpatient Care Service Expense. ^{1 2}
17*1804	188M	000	00018	M	000179	2D	MDT100	990020000MDT	Inpatient Care Supply Expenses. ^{1 3}
17*1804	188M	006	00018	M	000179	3C	MDZI00	990020000MDZ	Inpatient Subsistence Collections. ¹

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