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MEMORANDUM FOR SENIOR PENTAGON LEADERSHIP
COMMANDERS OF THE COMBATANT COMMANDS
DEFENSE AGENCY AND DOW FIELD ACTIVITY DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: Transitional Assistance Management Program Eligibility

Section 1145(a) of title 10, U.S. Code, provides for transitional health care through the Transitional Assistance Management Program (TAMP) for Service members who are separated from active service to help with their transition. The program provides 180 days of healthcare coverage following the day of the Service member's separation from active service.

Eligibility is defined in 10 U.S.C. § 1145(a)(2). As that provision states, TAMP eligibility applies retroactively to Reserve Component Service members who were called or ordered to, or retained on, active duty for at least 30 days under 10 U.S.C. § 12304b or a contingency operation as defined in 10 U.S.C. § 101(a)(13). This also includes Service members who volunteered for active duty under 10 U.S.C. § 12301(d). To be eligible for TAMP, a Service member does not need to demonstrate that his or her service period was substantively connected in some way to a war, a contingency operation, or a national emergency. Retroactive eligibility applies only if the Service member's TAMP benefits were denied on or after April 24, 2020.

Service member eligibility for TAMP will be evaluated in line with this revised policy. The Assistant Secretary of War for Manpower and Reserve Affairs will ensure coding in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System is adjusted to implement this change to TAMP eligibility.

Service members who were found ineligible for TAMP on or after April 24, 2020, because their activation was not considered as being under a provision of law referred to in 10 U.S.C. § 101(a)(13), or their service was not deemed to be connected in some way to a war, a contingency operation, or a national emergency, may seek reimbursement for civilian expenses for health coverage and care, including premiums and out-of-pocket costs, incurred by themselves and their covered family members if those expenses would not have been incurred had they been found eligible for TAMP benefits.

To request reimbursement, Service members should email the Defense Health Agency at dha.san-diego.healthcare-ops.mbx.thp-eligibility-adj@health.mil.


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