sharing applicable to services provided by military facility personnel shall be as applicable to services in military treatment facilities; that applicable to non-military providers, including institutional and related ancillary charges shall be as applicable to services provided under Medicare.

(5) Prescription drugs.

(i) For Prime enrollees, cost sharing is as specified in the Uniform HMO Benefit, except that the copayment under the mail service pharmacy program is \$4.00 for active duty dependents and \$8.00 for all other covered beneficiaries, per prescription,

for up to a 90 day supply.

(ii) For Standard participants, there is a 15 percent cost share for active-duty dependents and a 20 percent cost share for retirees, their dependents and survivors for prescription drugs provided by retail pharmacy network providers; for prescription drugs obtained from network pharmacies, the CHAMPUS deductible will not apply. The copayment for all beneficiaries under the mail service pharmacy program is \$4.00 for active duty dependents and \$8.00 for all other covered beneficiaries, per prescription, for up to a 90 day supply. There is no deductible for this program.

(iii) For Medicare-eligible beneficiaries affected by military medical treatment facility closures, there is a 20 percent copayment for prescriptions provided under the retail pharmacy network program, and an \$8.00 copayment per prescription, for up to a 90-day supply, for prescriptions provided by the mail service pharmacy program. There is no deductible under

either program.

(6) Cost share for outpatient services in military treatment facilities.

- (i) For dependents of active duty members in all enrollment categories, there is no charge for outpatient visits provided in military medical treatment facilities.
- (ii) For retirees, their dependents, and survivors in all enrollment categories, there is no charge for outpatient visits provided in military medical treatment
- (n) Additional health care management requirements under TRICARE prime. Prime has additional, special health care management requirements not applicable under Extra, Standard or the CHAMPUS basic program. Such requirements must be approved by the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs). In TRICARE, all care may be subject to review for medical necessity and appropriateness of level of care, regardless of whether the care is provided in a military

medical treatment facility or in a civilian setting. Adverse determinations regarding care in military facilities will be appealable in accordance with established military medical department procedures, and adverse determinations regarding civilian care will be appealable in accordance with § 199.15.

- (1) Primary care manager. All active duty members and Prime enrollees will be assigned or be allowed to select a primary care manager pursuant to a system established by the MTF Commander or other authorized official. The primary care manager may be an individual physician, a group practice, a clinic, a treatment site, or other designation. The primary care manager may be part of the MTF or the Prime civilian provider network. The enrollees will be given the opportunity to register a preference for primary care manager from a list of choices provided by the MTF Commander. Preference requests will be honored, subject to availability, under the MTF beneficiary category priority system and other operational requirements established by the commander (or other authorized
- (2) Restrictions on the use of providers. The requirements of this paragraph (n)(2) shall be applicable to health care utilization under TRICARE Prime, except in cases of emergency care and under the point-of-service option (see paragraph (n)(3) of this section).
- (i) Prime enrollees must obtain all primary health care from the primary care manager or from another provider to which the enrollee is referred by the primary care manager or an authorized Health Care Finder.
- (ii) For any necessary specialty care and all inpatient care, the primary care manager or the Health Care Finder will assist in making an appropriate referral. All such nonemergency specialty care and inpatient care must be preauthorized by the primary care manager or the Health Care Finder.

(iii) The following procedures will apply to health care referrals and preauthorizations in catchment areas

under TRICARE Prime:

(A) The first priority for referral for specialty care or inpatient care will be to the local MTF (or to any other MTF in which catchment area the enrollee resides).

(B) If the local MTF(s) are unavailable for the services needed, but there is another MTF at which the needed services can be provided, the enrollee may be required to obtain the services at that MTF. However, this requirement will only apply to the extent that the enrollee was informed at the time of (or

prior to) enrollment that mandatory referrals might be made to the MTF involved for the service involved.

(C) If the needed services are available within civilian preferred provider network serving the area, the enrollee may be required to obtain the services from a provider within the network. Subject to availability, the enrollee will have the freedom to choose a provider from among those in the network.

- (D) If the needed services are not available within the civilian preferred provider network serving the area, the enrollee may be required to obtain the services from a designated civilian provider outside the area. However, this requirement will only apply to the extent that the enrollee was informed at the time of (or prior to) enrollment that mandatory referrals might be made to the provider involved for the service involved (with the provider and service either identified specifically or in connection with some appropriate classification).
- (E) In cases in which the needed health care services cannot be provided pursuant to the procedures identified in paragraphs (n)(2)(iii) (A) through (D) of this section, the enrollee will receive authorization to obtain services from a CHAMPUS-authorized civilian provider(s) of the enrollee's choice not affiliated with the civilian preferred provider network.

(iv) When Prime is operating in noncatchment areas, the requirements in paragraphs (n)(2)(iii) (B) through (E)

of this section shall apply.

- (v) Any health care services obtained by a Prime enrollee, but not obtained in accordance with the utilization management rules and procedures of Prime will not be paid for under Prime rules, but may be covered by the pointof-service option (see paragraph (n)(3) of this section). However, Prime rules may cover such services if the enrollee did not know and could not reasonably have been expected to know that the services were not obtained in accordance with the utilization management rules and procedures of Prime.
- (3) Point-of-service option. TRICARE Prime enrollees retain the freedom to obtain services from civilian providers on a point-of-service basis. In such cases, all requirements applicable to standard CHAMPUS shall apply, except that there shall be higher deductible and cost sharing requirements (as set forth in paragraphs (m)(1)(i) and (m)(2)(i) of this section)
- (o) TRICARE program enrollment procedures. There are certain requirements pertaining to procedures for enrollment in Prime. (These procedures do not apply to active duty