

Activity, Office of the Chief Medical Officer (703) 681-6173.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** As a result of Section 734 Of the 2007 National Defense Authorization Act, the MHS implemented uniform policies and practices for DM throughout the TRICARE network. To include the Standard beneficiaries, who could not receive many of the services that are the cornerstone of DM per the Basic Benefit Regulations, a two year demonstration notice was published June 13 2007 (72 FR 32628-32629). The demonstration project provided for measuring the effectiveness of the DM programs in improving the health of TRICARE beneficiaries with chronic conditions. In addition, it allowed the MHS to identify best practices for improving the care management services for individuals with chronic conditions. The demonstration was extended twice. On March 16, 2009 a notice (74 FR 11089-11090) was published that extended the demonstration through March 31, 2011 and on March 4, 2011 (76 FR 12081-12082) further extended the demonstration through March 31, 2013. For several years, TRICARE has been evaluating the best way to provide assistance to people with certain chronic medical conditions. Based on TRICARE's evaluation of best health care practices, we found that chronic medical conditions are best managed as a routine part of good medical practice, and when structured to fit the individual beneficiary's circumstances and their specific health plan. Multiple analyses of the DM program were conducted, and in that same time period other studies for similar programs were piloted nationally that provided additional insight. The results of these analyses and literature reviews provided identification of evidence-based best practices that support the future direction of the MHS disease and chronic condition management programs. These best practices include team based—provider directed care, care coordination, self-management education and transitional care services that target at risk populations, have access to timely data, close interactions with care coordinators and primary care physicians, face-to-face contact with individuals involved in their own care, and supported by practices predominantly staffed by registered nurses.

Given the focus with the primary care provider in moving forward with disease and chronic care management, and the lack of a defined provider for the Standard beneficiaries, TMA has determined that the best course is for

the Standard beneficiaries to receive disease and chronic care management direction from the provider of their choosing. TMA envisions the following scenarios related to the distinct structures of the health care benefit within TRICARE (Direct Care through the Military Treatment Facilities, Private Sector Care through contracted and non-contracted network providers, the US Family Health Plans etc.), chronic care management based on the above mentioned best-practices will be available to beneficiaries and adapted based on these factors. The DM services will also take into consideration the different benefit plans available (Prime, which operates like an HMO and requires enrollment with a primary care provider, vs. Standard which functions as a fee-for-service plan), and will modify the chronic care services provided to best match that plan. For example, Prime beneficiaries enrolled at an MTF would receive their services through a Patient-Centered Medical Home (where available). A Prime beneficiary enrolled to the network would receive DM services provided through the Managed Care Support Contractor's program. A Standard beneficiary not enrolled to a primary care provider, would receive disease and chronic care management from their chosen provider inside or outside the network, and would have access to disease specific educational information through the regional contractor Web sites or TRICARE online. Since the standard beneficiaries are not required to enroll with a primary care provider, and there is no visibility to the services they receive outside the network, it is not practicable to determine if they are receiving the recommended best-practices, and in turn to measure outcomes and determine effectiveness of care. As a result, it has been determined that Standard beneficiaries are best served being care-managed by the provider of their choosing; the provider being familiar with the Standard beneficiaries gaps in care and on-going needs.

TMA has developed a strategic plan for the on-going provision of disease and chronic care management services, based on the evidence-based best practices noted above, and have determined that the need for this demonstration has ceased. It is important to note that the end of this demonstration does not change the basic benefit for the Standard beneficiaries; they will continue to have access to all the services identified in 32 CFR 199.4.

Dated: March 12, 2013.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army

[Docket ID: USA-2013-0002]

### Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records

**AGENCY:** Department of the Army, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice to reinstate a System of Records.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Army proposes to reinstate a systems of records in its inventory of record systems to the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended.

After review, it has been determined that the records covered under these previously deleted notices (see 77 FR 13571-13573, March 7, 2012) are still being maintained and are active; therefore this notice is being reinstated.

**DATES:** This proposed action will be effective on April 15, 2013 unless comments are received which result in a contrary determination. Comments will be accepted on or before April 15, 2013.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by docket number and title, by any of the following methods:

\* *Federal Rulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

\* *Mail:* Federal Docket Management System Office, 4800 Mark Center Drive, East Tower, 2nd Floor, Suite 02G09, Alexandria, VA 22350-3100.

*Instructions:* All submissions received must include the agency name and docket number or Regulatory Information Number (RIN) for this **Federal Register** document. The general policy for comments and other submissions from members of the public is of make these submissions available for public viewing on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> as they are received without change, including any personal identifiers or contact information.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Leroy Jones, Jr., Department of the Army, Privacy Office, U.S. Army Records Management and Declassification Agency, 7701 Telegraph Road, Casey Building, Suite 144, Alexandria, VA 22315-3827 or by phone at 703-428-6185.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department of the Army system of records notices subject to the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended, have been published in the **Federal Register** and are available from the address in **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

The Department of the Army proposes to reinstate a system of records in its inventory of records systems subject to the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended. The previous system of records notice is being republished in its entirety, below. The reinstatement is not within the purview of subsection (r) of the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended, which requires the submission of a new or altered system report.

Dated: March 12, 2013.

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**A0600-8-22 AHRC**

**SYSTEM NAME:**

Military Awards Case File.

**SYSTEM LOCATION:**

U.S. Army Human Resources Command, 200 Stovall Street, Alexandria, VA 22332-0471. Segments exist at Army commands which have been delegated authority for approval of an award. Official mailing addresses may be obtained from the U.S. Army Human Resources Command, 200 Stovall Street, Alexandria, VA 22332-0471.

**CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:**

Military personnel on active duty, members of reserve components, U.S. civilians serving with U.S. Army units in a combat zone, and deceased former members of the U.S. Army.

**CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:**

Files include recommendations for an award; endorsements; award board approvals/disapprovals; citation texts; Department of Army letter orders/general orders; related papers supporting the award; correspondence among the Army; service member, and individuals having knowledge/information relating to the service member concerned or the act or achievement for which an award is recommended.

**AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:**

10 U.S.C. Chapters 57 and 357, Decorations and Awards; 10 U.S.C. 3013, Secretary of the Army; Army Regulation 600-8-22, Military Awards; and E.O. 9397 (SSN), as amended.

**PURPOSE(S):**

To consider individual nominations for awards and/or decorations; record final action; maintain individual award case files.

**ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND THE PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:**

In addition to those disclosures generally permitted under 5 U.S.C. 552a(b) of the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, these records contained therein may specifically be disclosed outside the DoD as a routine use pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(b)(3) as follows:

Information may be disclosed to public and private organizations including news media, which grant or publicize awards or honors.

The DoD Blanket Routine Uses set forth at the beginning of the Army's compilation of systems of records notices also apply to this system.

**POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORING, RETRIEVING, ACCESSING, RETAINING, AND DISPOSING OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:**

**STORAGE:**

Paper records in file folders and electronic storage media.

**RETRIEVABILITY:**

By nominee's name, service number and/or Social Security Number.

**SAFEGUARDS:**

Records are maintained in locked file cabinets in secure buildings and are accessible only to designated personnel in the performance of their assigned duties.

**RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:**

Documents related to providing information about awards given to individuals, i.e., announcements, lists, cards, and similar information destroy after 2 years.

**APPROVAL AND DISAPPROVAL AUTHORITY:**

Approved awards relating to wartime and combat activities are held permanently; Approved peacetime awards and all disapproved awards are retired to the Washington National Records Center and are destroyed after 25 years. Offices not within the disapproval or approval authority maintain records for 2 years then destroy. Proficiency awards are destroyed on transfer of the individual.

**PUBLIC AWARD CASES:**

Exercising approval, authority maintain records for 56 years then destroy; Non-approval authority offices maintain records for 2 years then destroy.

**SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS:**

Exercising awarding authority, maintain records for 5 years then destroy; Non-Award authority offices maintain for 2 years then destroy.

**SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESS:**

Commander, U.S. Army Human Resources Command, Awards Policy Division, 200 Stovall Street, Alexandria, VA 22332-0471.

**NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE:**

Individuals seeking to determine whether information about themselves is contained in this system should address written inquiries to the Commander, U.S. Army Human Resources Command, Awards Policy Division, 200 Stovall Street, Alexandria, VA 22332-0471.

Individual should provide the full name, service number and/or Social Security Number, grade and branch of service, name of award/honor, and current address.

**RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:**

Individuals seeking access to information about themselves contained in this system should address written inquiries to the Commander, U.S. Army Human Resources Command, Awards Policy Division, 200 Stovall Street, Alexandria, VA 22332-0471.

Individual should provide the full name, service number and/or Social Security Number, grade and branch of service, name of award/honor, and current address.

**CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:**

The Army's rules for accessing records, and for contesting contents and appealing initial agency determinations are contained in Army Regulation 340-21; 32 CFR part 505; or may be obtained from the system manager.

**RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:**

From Recommendation for Awards (DA Form 638) with supporting records, forms, statements, letters, and similar documents originated by persons other than the awardee and other individuals having information useful in making an award determination.

**EXEMPTIONS CLAIMED FOR THE SYSTEM:**

None.

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