

collection, OMB Control Number (see below), and docket number (see above), by any of the following methods:

- Electronic: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- Mail: Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (Attention: PRA Office), 1700 G Street NW., Washington, DC 20552.
- Hand Delivery/Courier: Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (Attention: PRA Office), 1275 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20002.

Please note that comments submitted after the comment period will not be accepted. In general, all comments received will become public records, including any personal information provided. Sensitive personal information, such as account numbers or social security numbers, should not be included.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Documentation prepared in support of this information collection request is available at www.regulations.gov. Requests for additional information should be directed to the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, (Attention: PRA Office), 1700 G Street NW., Washington, DC 20552, (202) 435-9575, or email: CFPB_PRA@cfpb.gov. *Please do not submit comments to this mailbox.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title of Collection: Generic Information Collection Plan for the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs Outreach Activities.

OMB Control Number: 3170-0041.

Type of Review: Extension without change of a currently approve collection.

Affected Public: State, local, or Tribal governments.

Estimated Number of Annual Respondents: 400.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 3,200.

Abstract: The Office of Intergovernmental Affairs (IGA) at the Bureau requests OMB's approval for an extension without change this generic information collection plan (GICP) in

order to collect information from state, local, and tribal governments. These governments interact closely with consumers and are critical partners in promoting transparency and competition in the consumer financial products marketplace, eliminating unfair and unlawfully discriminatory practices, and enforcing consumer financial laws. The outreach activities performed by IGA will collect low-burden, non-generalizable information through this GICP on trends in consumer financial markets, enforcement actions, regulatory and supervisory issues, and consumer needs at the state, local, and tribal levels. Most of this information will be in the form of government representatives providing impressions and overviews of their activities. Information will be collected on an occasional and voluntary basis from state, local, and tribal governments and from their respective trade associations.

Request For Comments: Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Bureau, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) The accuracy of the Bureau's estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methods and the assumptions used; (c) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Dated: March 22, 2016.

Darrin A. King,

Paperwork Reduction Act Officer, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Revised Non-Foreign Overseas Per Diem Rates

AGENCY: Defense Travel Management Office, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of Revised Non-Foreign Overseas Per Diem Rates.

SUMMARY: The Defense Travel Management Office is publishing Civilian Personnel Per Diem Bulletin Number 302. This bulletin lists revisions in the per diem rates prescribed for U.S. Government employees for official travel in Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, the Northern Mariana Islands and Possessions of the United States when applicable. AEA changes announced in Bulletin Number 194 remain in effect. Bulletin Number 302 is being published in the **Federal Register** to assure that travelers are paid per diem at the most current rates.

DATES: *Effective Date:* April 1, 2016.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Sonia Malik, 571-372-1276.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This document gives notice of revisions in per diem rates prescribed by the Defense Travel Management Office for non-foreign areas outside the contiguous United States. It supersedes Civilian Personnel Per Diem Bulletin Number 301. Per Diem Bulletins published periodically in the **Federal Register** now constitute the only notification of revisions in per diem rates to agencies and establishments outside the Department of Defense. For more information or questions about per diem rates, please contact your local travel office. Civilian Bulletin 302 includes updated rates for Hawaii and the Midway Islands.

Dated: March 23, 2016.

Aaron Siegel,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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Maximum Per Diem Rates for official travel in Alaska, Hawaii, the Commonwealths of Puerto Rico and the Northern Islands and Possessions of the United States by Federal Government civilian employees.

LOCALITY	MAXIMUM LODGING AMOUNT (A)	+	MEALS AND INCIDENTALS RATE (B)	=	MAXIMUM PER DIEM RATE (C)	EFFECTIVE DATE
ALASKA						
[OTHER]						
01/01 - 12/31	120		76		196	03/01/2016
ADAK						
10/01 - 04/30	150		51		201	03/01/2016
05/01 - 09/30	192		51		243	03/01/2016
ANCHORAGE [INCL NAV RES]						
05/16 - 09/30	339		114		453	03/01/2016
10/01 - 05/15	99		114		213	03/01/2016
BARROW						
01/01 - 12/31	205		96		301	03/01/2016
BARTER ISLAND LRRS						
01/01 - 12/31	120		76		196	03/01/2016
BETHEL						
01/01 - 12/31	179		121		300	03/01/2016
BETTLES						
01/01 - 12/31	175		79		254	03/01/2015
CAPE LISBURNE LRRS						
01/01 - 12/31	120		76		196	03/01/2016
CAPE NEWENHAM LRRS						
01/01 - 12/31	120		76		196	03/01/2016
CAPE ROMANZOF LRRS						
01/01 - 12/31	120		76		196	03/01/2016
CLEAR AB						
01/01 - 12/31	120		76		196	03/01/2016
COLD BAY LRRS						
01/01 - 12/31	120		76		196	03/01/2016
COLDFOOT						
01/01 - 12/31	165		70		235	10/01/2006
COPPER CENTER						
05/15 - 09/15	150		86		236	03/01/2016

LOCALITY		MAXIMUM LODGING AMOUNT (A)	+	MEALS AND INCIDENTALS RATE (B)	=	MAXIMUM PER DIEM RATE (C)	EFFECTIVE DATE
	09/16 - 05/14	115		86		201	03/01/2016
CORDOVA							
	01/01 - 12/31	140		94		234	03/01/2016
CRAIG							
	04/01 - 09/30	151		74		225	03/01/2016
	10/01 - 03/31	88		74		162	03/01/2016
DEADHORSE							
	01/01 - 12/31	170		51		221	03/01/2016
DELTA JUNCTION							
	05/01 - 09/30	169		60		229	03/01/2015
	10/01 - 04/30	139		57		196	03/01/2015
DENALI NATIONAL PARK							
	06/01 - 08/31	185		80		265	03/01/2016
	09/01 - 05/31	139		80		219	03/01/2016
DILLINGHAM							
	10/16 - 04/30	220		85		305	03/01/2016
	05/01 - 10/15	350		85		435	03/01/2016
DUTCH HARBOR-UNALASKA							
	01/01 - 12/31	142		77		219	03/01/2016
EARECKSON AIR STATION							
	01/01 - 12/31	120		76		196	03/01/2016
EIELSON AFB							
	05/15 - 09/15	154		78		232	03/01/2016
	09/16 - 05/14	75		78		153	03/01/2016
ELFIN COVE							
	01/01 - 12/31	275		51		326	03/01/2016
ELMENDORF AFB							
	05/16 - 09/30	339		114		453	03/01/2016
	10/01 - 05/15	99		114		213	03/01/2016
FAIRBANKS							
	09/16 - 05/14	75		78		153	03/01/2016
	05/15 - 09/15	154		78		232	03/01/2016
FOOTLOOSE							
	01/01 - 12/31	175		18		193	10/01/2002

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FORT YUKON LRRS						
01/01 - 12/31	120		76		196	03/01/2016
FT. GREELY						
05/01 - 09/30	169		60		229	03/01/2015
10/01 - 04/30	139		57		196	03/01/2015
FT. RICHARDSON						
05/16 - 09/30	339		114		453	03/01/2016
10/01 - 05/15	99		114		213	03/01/2016
FT. WAINWRIGHT						
05/15 - 09/15	154		78		232	03/01/2016
09/16 - 05/14	75		78		153	03/01/2016
GAMBELL						
01/01 - 12/31	133		51		184	03/01/2016
GLENNALLEN						
05/15 - 09/15	150		86		236	03/01/2016
09/16 - 05/14	115		86		201	03/01/2016
HAINES						
01/01 - 12/31	107		101		208	01/01/2011
HEALY						
09/01 - 05/31	139		80		219	03/01/2016
06/01 - 08/31	185		80		265	03/01/2016
HOMER						
05/01 - 09/30	194		90		284	03/01/2016
10/01 - 04/30	89		90		179	03/01/2016
JB ELMENDORF-RICHARDSON						
05/16 - 09/30	339		114		453	03/01/2016
10/01 - 05/15	99		114		213	03/01/2016
JUNEAU						
05/01 - 09/30	159		88		247	03/01/2016
10/01 - 04/30	125		88		213	03/01/2016
KAKTOVIK						
01/01 - 12/31	165		86		251	10/01/2002
KAVIK CAMP						
01/01 - 12/31	250		51		301	03/01/2016

LOCALITY	MAXIMUM LODGING AMOUNT (A)	+	MEALS AND INCIDENTALS RATE (B)	=	MAXIMUM PER DIEM RATE (C)	EFFECTIVE DATE
KENAI-SOLDOTNA						
05/01 - 10/31	179		106		285	03/01/2016
11/01 - 04/30	84		106		190	03/01/2016
KENNICOTT						
01/01 - 12/31	285		85		370	03/01/2016
KETCHIKAN						
04/01 - 10/01	250		97		347	03/01/2016
10/02 - 03/31	99		97		196	03/01/2016
KING SALMON						
05/01 - 10/01	225		91		316	10/01/2002
10/02 - 04/30	125		81		206	10/01/2002
KING SALMON LRRS						
01/01 - 12/31	120		76		196	03/01/2016
KLAWOCK						
04/01 - 09/30	151		74		225	03/01/2016
10/01 - 03/31	88		74		162	03/01/2016
KODIAK						
05/01 - 09/30	157		81		238	03/01/2016
10/01 - 04/30	100		81		181	03/01/2016
KOTZEBUE						
01/01 - 12/31	219		105		324	03/01/2016
KULIS AGS						
05/16 - 09/30	339		114		453	03/01/2016
10/01 - 05/15	99		114		213	03/01/2016
MCCARTHY						
01/01 - 12/31	285		85		370	03/01/2016
MCGRATH						
01/01 - 12/31	160		65		225	03/01/2016
MURPHY DOME						
05/15 - 09/15	154		78		232	03/01/2016
09/16 - 05/14	75		78		153	03/01/2016
NOME						
01/01 - 12/31	165		84		249	03/01/2016
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01/01 - 12/31	234		51		285	03/01/2016
OLIKTOK LRRS						
01/01 - 12/31	120		76		196	03/01/2016
PETERSBURG						
01/01 - 12/31	120		76		196	03/01/2016
POINT BARROW LRRS						
01/01 - 12/31	120		76		196	03/01/2016
POINT HOPE						
01/01 - 12/31	175		85		260	03/01/2016
POINT LAY						
01/01 - 12/31	255		51		306	03/01/2016
POINT LAY LRRS						
01/01 - 12/31	255		51		306	03/01/2016
POINT LONELY LRRS						
01/01 - 12/31	120		76		196	03/01/2016
PORT ALEXANDER						
02/01 - 08/31	210		51		261	03/01/2016
09/01 - 01/31	165		51		216	03/01/2016
PORT ALSWORTH						
01/01 - 12/31	135		88		223	10/01/2002
PRUDHOE BAY						
01/01 - 12/31	170		51		221	03/01/2016
SELDOVIA						
05/01 - 09/30	194		90		284	03/01/2016
10/01 - 04/30	89		90		179	03/01/2016
SEWARD						
10/01 - 04/30	99		84		183	03/01/2016
05/01 - 09/30	298		84		382	03/01/2016
SITKA-MT. EDGE CUMBE						
01/01 - 12/31	200		98		298	03/01/2016
SKAGWAY						
04/01 - 10/01	250		97		347	03/01/2016
10/02 - 03/31	99		97		196	03/01/2016
SLANA						

LOCALITY		MAXIMUM LODGING AMOUNT (A)	+	MEALS AND INCIDENTALS RATE (B)	=	MAXIMUM PER DIEM RATE (C)	EFFECTIVE DATE
	05/01 - 09/30	139		55		194	02/01/2005
	10/01 - 04/30	99		55		154	02/01/2005
SPARREVOHN LRRS							
	01/01 - 12/31	120		76		196	03/01/2016
SPRUCE CAPE							
	05/01 - 09/30	157		81		238	03/01/2016
	10/01 - 04/30	100		81		181	03/01/2016
ST. GEORGE							
	01/01 - 12/31	220		51		271	03/01/2016
TALKEETNA							
	01/01 - 12/31	100		89		189	10/01/2002
TANANA							
	01/01 - 12/31	165		84		249	03/01/2016
TATALINA LRRS							
	01/01 - 12/31	120		76		196	03/01/2016
TIN CITY LRRS							
	01/01 - 12/31	120		76		196	03/01/2016
TOK							
	05/15 - 09/30	95		83		178	03/01/2016
	10/01 - 05/14	73		83		156	03/01/2016
UMIAT							
	01/01 - 12/31	350		51		401	03/01/2016
VALDEZ							
	05/16 - 09/16	169		89		258	03/01/2016
	09/17 - 05/15	89		89		178	03/01/2016
WAINWRIGHT							
	01/01 - 12/31	175		83		258	01/01/2011
WASILLA							
	05/01 - 09/30	170		105		275	03/01/2016
	10/01 - 04/30	99		105		204	03/01/2016
WRANGELL							
	04/01 - 10/01	250		97		347	03/01/2016
	10/02 - 03/31	99		97		196	03/01/2016
YAKUTAT							

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01/01 - 12/31	105		94		199	01/01/2011
AMERICAN SAMOA						
AMERICAN SAMOA						
01/01 - 12/31	139		69		208	06/01/2015
PAGO PAGO						
01/01 - 12/31	139		69		208	12/01/2015
GUAM						
GUAM (INCL ALL MIL INSTAL)						
01/01 - 12/31	159		87		246	07/01/2015
JOINT REGION MARIANAS (ANDERSEN)						
01/01 - 12/31	159		87		246	07/01/2015
JOINT REGION MARIANAS (NAVAL BASE)						
01/01 - 12/31	159		87		246	07/01/2015
TAMUNING						
01/01 - 12/31	159		87		246	12/01/2015
HAWAII						
[OTHER]						
01/01 - 12/31	189		103		292	04/01/2016
CAMP H M SMITH						
01/01 - 12/31	177		123		300	04/01/2016
EASTPAC NAVAL COMP TELE AREA						
01/01 - 12/31	177		123		300	04/01/2016
FT. DERUSSEY						
01/01 - 12/31	177		123		300	04/01/2016
FT. SHAFTER						
01/01 - 12/31	177		123		300	04/01/2016
HICKAM AFB						
01/01 - 12/31	177		123		300	04/01/2016
HILO						
01/01 - 12/31	189		103		292	04/01/2016
HONOLULU						
01/01 - 12/31	177		123		300	04/01/2016
ISLE OF HAWAII: HILO						
01/01 - 12/31	189		103		292	04/01/2016

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ISLE OF HAWAII: OTHER						
01/01 - 12/31	189		148		337	04/01/2016
ISLE OF KAUAI						
01/01 - 12/31	325		135		460	04/01/2016
ISLE OF MAUI						
01/01 - 12/31	259		134		393	04/01/2016
ISLE OF OAHU						
01/01 - 12/31	177		123		300	04/01/2016
JB PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM						
01/01 - 12/31	177		123		300	04/01/2016
KAPOLEI						
01/01 - 12/31	177		123		300	04/01/2016
KEKAHA PACIFIC MISSILE RANGE FAC						
01/01 - 12/31	325		135		460	04/01/2016
KILAUEA MILITARY CAMP						
01/01 - 12/31	189		103		292	04/01/2016
LANAI						
01/01 - 12/31	254		118		372	04/01/2016
LIHUE						
01/01 - 12/31	325		135		460	04/01/2016
LUALUALEI NAVAL MAGAZINE						
01/01 - 12/31	177		123		300	04/01/2016
MCB HAWAII						
01/01 - 12/31	177		123		300	04/01/2016
MOLOKAI						
01/01 - 12/31	157		96		253	04/01/2016
NAS BARBERS POINT						
01/01 - 12/31	177		123		300	04/01/2016
PEARL HARBOR						
01/01 - 12/31	177		123		300	04/01/2016
PMRF BARKING SANDS						
01/01 - 12/31	325		135		460	04/01/2016
SCHOFIELD BARRACKS						
01/01 - 12/31	177		123		300	04/01/2016

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TRIPLER ARMY MEDICAL CENTER						
01/01 - 12/31	177		123		300	04/01/2016
WHEELER ARMY AIRFIELD						
01/01 - 12/31	177		123		300	04/01/2016
MIDWAY ISLANDS						
MIDWAY ISLANDS						
01/01 - 12/31	125		77		202	04/01/2016
NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS						
[OTHER]						
01/01 - 12/31	99		102		201	07/01/2015
ROTA						
01/01 - 12/31	130		107		237	07/01/2015
SAIPAN						
01/01 - 12/31	140		98		238	07/01/2015
TINIAN						
01/01 - 12/31	99		102		201	07/01/2015
PUERTO RICO						
[OTHER]						
01/01 - 12/31	109		112		221	06/01/2012
AGUADILLA						
01/01 - 12/31	171		84		255	11/01/2015
BAYAMON						
06/01 - 11/30	167		88		255	12/01/2015
12/01 - 05/31	195		88		283	12/01/2015
CAROLINA						
06/01 - 11/30	167		88		255	12/01/2015
12/01 - 05/31	195		88		283	12/01/2015
CEIBA						
01/01 - 12/31	139		92		231	10/01/2012
CULEBRA						
01/01 - 12/31	150		98		248	03/01/2012
FAJARDO [INCL ROCSEVELT RDS NAVSTAT]						
01/01 - 12/31	139		92		231	10/01/2012
FT. BUCHANAN [INCL GSA SVC CTR, GUAYNABO]						

LOCALITY		MAXIMUM LODGING AMOUNT (A)	+	MEALS AND INCIDENTALS RATE (B)	=	MAXIMUM PER DIEM RATE (C)	EFFECTIVE DATE
	06/01 - 11/30	167		88		255	12/01/2015
	12/01 - 05/31	195		88		283	12/01/2015
HUMACAO							
	01/01 - 12/31	139		92		231	10/01/2012
LUIS MUNOZ MARIN IAP AGS							
	06/01 - 11/30	167		88		255	12/01/2015
	12/01 - 05/31	195		88		283	12/01/2015
LUQUILLO							
	01/01 - 12/31	139		92		231	10/01/2012
MAYAGUEZ							
	01/01 - 12/31	109		112		221	09/01/2010
PONCE							
	01/01 - 12/31	149		89		238	09/01/2012
RIO GRANDE							
	01/01 - 12/31	169		123		292	06/01/2012
SABANA SECA [INCL ALL MILITARY]							
	06/01 - 11/30	167		88		255	12/01/2015
	12/01 - 05/31	195		88		283	12/01/2015
SAN JUAN & NAV RES STA							
	12/01 - 05/31	195		88		283	12/01/2015
	06/01 - 11/30	167		88		255	12/01/2015
VIEQUES							
	01/01 - 12/31	175		95		270	03/01/2012
VIRGIN ISLANDS (U.S.)							
ST. CROIX							
	04/15 - 12/14	247		110		357	06/01/2015
	12/15 - 04/14	299		116		415	06/01/2015
ST. JOHN							
	05/01 - 12/03	170		107		277	08/01/2015
	12/04 - 04/30	230		113		343	08/01/2015
ST. THOMAS							
	01/01 - 12/31	240		112		352	08/01/2015
WAKE ISLAND							
WAKE ISLAND							

LOCALITY	MAXIMUM LODGING AMOUNT (A)		+	MEALS AND INCIDENTALS RATE (B)		=	MAXIMUM PER DIEM RATE (C)		EFFECTIVE DATE
	01/01 - 12/31			173			66		
				239					
									07/01/2014

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Office of the Secretary****TRICARE Bundled Payment for Lower Extremity Joint Replacement or Reattachment (LEJR) Surgeries Based on Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Comprehensive Care for Joint Replacement (CJR) Model****AGENCY:** Department of Defense.**ACTION:** Notice of demonstration.

SUMMARY: This notice is to advise interested parties of a Military Health System (MHS) demonstration project under the authority of Title 10, United States Code, Section 1092, entitled TRICARE Bundled Payment for Lower Extremity Joint Replacement or Reattachment (LEJR) Surgeries that will test bundled payment and quality measurement on an “episode of care” basis to encourage hospitals, physicians, and post-acute care providers to work together to improve the quality and coordination of care from the initial hospitalization through recovery. This demonstration is being conducted in compliance with Section 726 of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for 2016. This particular TRICARE demonstration will be based on Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services’ (CMS) Comprehensive Care for Joint Replacement (CJR) Model, which will be implemented in 67 metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs) beginning April 1, 2016. CMS’s CJR Model is designed to promote better and more efficient care for beneficiaries undergoing LEJR surgery (DRG 469 (major joint replacement or reattachment of lower extremity with major complications or comorbidities) or 470 (major joint replacement or reattachment of lower extremity without major complications or comorbidities)). Participant hospitals in the CMS model will be held financially accountable for the quality and cost of the entire episode of care, which begins with hospital admission of a beneficiary and ends 90 days post-discharge in order to cover all related costs for the complete recovery period. This “bundled” episode includes all related items and services paid under Medicare Part A and Part B for all Medicare fee-for-service beneficiaries. The TRICARE demonstration project will test this value-based payment model in the Tampa-St. Petersburg MSA for DRG 470 only (including 90 days of related post-operative care) to assess whether value-driven bundled payment

incentives will result in a reduction in the rate of increase in health care spending and improvements in health care quality, patient experience of care, and overall health of TRICARE beneficiaries. All network and non-network hospitals with at least 20 TRICARE admissions for DRG 470 over the three years of Fiscal Year (FY) 2013, 2014, and 2015 shall be required to participate in the demonstration project (excluding admissions for beneficiaries with primary Other Health Insurance (OHI), Active Duty Service Members (ADSMs), and Medicare-TRICARE dual eligible beneficiaries). Once selected for participation, hospitals will remain in the project throughout the duration of this demonstration (regardless of actual TRICARE utilization) unless the Government directs otherwise.

DATES: Effective Date: This demonstration is mandated by Section 726 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016, with an implementation deadline of May 23, 2016. This demonstration authority will remain in effect until December 31, 2019.

ADDRESSES: Defense Health Agency, Health Plan Execution and Operations, 7700 Arlington Boulevard, Suite 5101, Falls Church, Virginia 22042.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**A. Background**

Section 726 of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2016 directed the Department of Defense to conduct a demonstration project on incentives to improve health care provided under the TRICARE program, also known as paying for value rather than for volume or value-based reimbursement. Innovative health care payment models are being tested and implemented by the CMS and a variety of commercial health care programs and insurers. This demonstration will assess whether value-driven incentives will result in a reduction in the rate of increase in health care spending and improvements in health care quality, patient experience of care, and overall health of TRICARE beneficiaries.

This demonstration program is based on the Medicare Program for Comprehensive Care for Joint Replacement (CJR) Payment Model for Acute Care Hospitals Furnishing Lower Extremity Joint Replacement Services, under the authority of the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMMI) pursuant to section 1115A of

the Social Security Act, and as implemented by CMS. A copy of the Final Rule published by CMS on November 24, 2015, may be found at <https://www.federalregister.gov/articles/2015/11/24/2015-29438/medicare-program-comprehensive-care-for-joint-replacement-payment-model-for-acute-care-hospitals>. In general, CMS sought to target high expenditure, high utilization procedures for which there were significant regional variation in spending. Acute care hospitals, as the site of surgery, will be held accountable for spending during the entire episode of care. This model seeks to promote the alignment of financial and other incentives for all health care providers and suppliers caring for a beneficiary during an LEJR episode, thereby improving quality and increasing efficiency in the provision of care. It is also anticipated the CJR model will benefit Medicare beneficiaries by improving coordination and transition of care by incentivizing more efficient service delivery and higher value care across the inpatient and post-acute care spectrum spanning the episode of care. The CMS CJR model will be implemented in 67 metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs) beginning April 1, 2016. Under Medicare, this episode-based payment model is mandatory for all hospitals in the designated MSAs.

The Department of Defense elected to conduct a demonstration project to adapt, in general, and test this value-based incentive program to assess whether a reduction in the rate of increase in health care spending can be achieved while simultaneously improving the experience and quality of health care provided to our beneficiaries by providing financial incentives for high-quality, efficient care. Consistent with the CJR model, TRICARE demonstration hospitals will be held accountable for the costs and quality of the entire episode of care and will be afforded the opportunity to earn performance-based payments by appropriately reducing expenditures and meeting certain quality metrics.

An analysis of LEJR surgeries in the TRICARE beneficiary population was conducted. This analysis revealed some of the Metropolitan Service Areas (MSAs) participating in the CMS Comprehensive Care for Joint Replacement (CJR) model have a substantial number of TRICARE-eligible beneficiaries. These locations include the Killeen-Temple TX MSA, the Seattle-Tacoma WA MSA, and the Tampa-St. Petersburg FL MSA. Both the Killeen-Temple MSA and the Seattle-Tacoma MSA are associated with large inpatient military treatment facilities