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SUBJECT: Transitional Health Benefits for Certain Members of the National Guard Supporting  
the COVID-19 Response Effort

Pursuant to section 733 of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021, Public Law 116-283, National Guard members separating from active service on or after January 1, 2021, after serving on full-time National Guard duty under section 502(f) of title 32, United States Code (U.S.C.), in support of the whole-of-government response to the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic for more than 30 continuous days qualify for transitional health care benefits under the Transition Assistance Management Program (TAMP).

The terms “active service” and “full-time National Guard duty” for purposes of determining TAMP eligibility under section 733 have the meanings given those terms in section 101(d) of title 10, U.S.C. The Chief of the National Guard Bureau, in coordination with the Secretaries of the Army and the Air Force, will validate TAMP eligibility under section 733. TAMP eligibility will be identified as qualifying duty with the following reporting parameters:

- activation authority code of “09994”,
- project code of “X10”, and,
- statute codes “N” or “Q”.

TAMP eligibility will be reported in accordance with Enclosure 8 of Volume 1, DoD Manual (DoDM) 7730.54, “Reserve Components Common Personnel Data System (RCCPDS): Reporting Procedures.” The Army and Air National Guard/Military Departments will promptly

transmit the proper transactions in Enclosure 8 of Volume 1 of DoDM 7730.54, as necessary, to update the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System, the official system of record for TRICARE eligibility and enrollment.

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