

## Ambulance Service

*Darnall's Ambulance Service* - no charge, when available and if medically appropriate

### Civilian Ambulance:

- Prime - \$20 co-payment
- Extra - 20% of contracted fee
- Standard - 25% of TRICARE allowable charge

## Catastrophic Cap

Retirees and their family members have a catastrophic cap of \$3,000 (FY 01) per year. This means once you have paid a total of \$3,000 for a fiscal year (1 Oct - 30 Sept), you are not responsible for any more of the CHAMPUS maximum allowable charges. However, you may still be responsible for additional health care costs. See your Health Benefits Advisor at the TRICARE Service Center.

## Veterans' Administration Eligibility ...

If you are a VA patient, tell the medical staff immediately. If you must be transferred, the staff may coordinate your transfer to the VA, rather than to a civilian hospital.

## Civilian Emergencies ...

Civilians brought to Darnall for emergency care will be personally billed for any services provided by Darnall's Emergency Department (emergency treatment, transport services, or admission). Civilians are responsible for all ambulance service charges. Civilians are not authorized non-emergency care at Darnall.

## Medicare Eligible Patients ...

There are no charges for services provided by Darnall's Emergency Department or ambulance

service. If you are transferred to a civilian hospital, Medicare is billed for the civilian care. Civilian ambulance services are billed to Medicare. There is no guarantee Darnall's ambulance service will be available when a patient must be transferred.

## Dependent Parents & Parents-In-Law ...

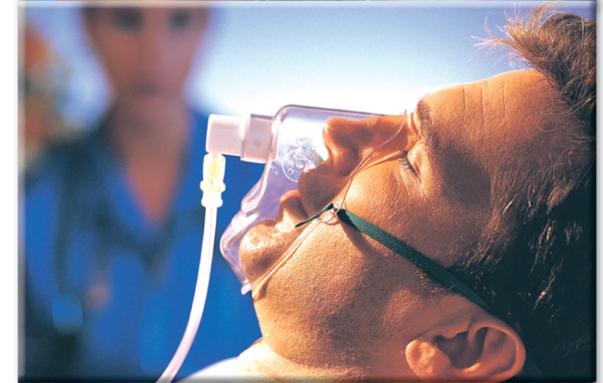
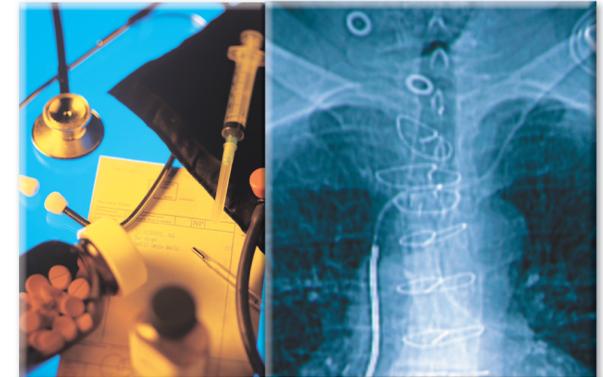
Dependent parents and parents-in-law will not incur any charges if seen in the Darnall ED or admitted to Darnall. They will be personally billed for any care or service provided by a civilian hospital or ambulance service unless they have other health insurance.

*Dollar amounts in this brochure are accurate as of June 2002, and are subject to change after that date.*

For more information, contact one of the Managed Care Division's Health Benefits Advisors, 288-8478/8984, or 286-7026.

# Emergency Center

## Understanding Your Financial Obligations



**Darnall**  
**Army Community Hospital**  
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## Beneficiaries...

Usually, beneficiaries do not have to pay for outpatient care at military hospitals. However, there are times when you must pay a reasonable portion of the cost of care. You can expect to pay some costs if you visit Darnall's Emergency Department and are admitted to the hospital or if you are transferred to a civilian hospital for further medical care. Transfers to civilian hospitals are based on medical necessity, not on financial considerations.

## Active Duty Service Members...

Active-duty service members pay an \$8.10 per day subsistence fee when admitted to a military hospital. The service member pays nothing if he/she is transferred to a civilian facility and becomes an inpatient.

## Family Members of Active Duty...

Family members who go to a civilian emergency department may incur costs that include the annual deductible (fiscal year 1 Oct. - 30 Sept.), the emergency room care, ambulance service, and hospital fees. The following costs apply depending on the TRICARE option you have chosen:

### Deductible

*Prime* - No deductible (eliminated 1 April 2001) for Active-duty family members

### Standard or Extra -

- E-4 and below: \$50 per person or \$100 per family
- E-5 and above: \$150 per person or \$300 per family

### Civilian Emergency Room Service Co-Payment

- Extra - 15% of contracted fee

- Standard - 20% of TRICARE allowable charge

### Hospital Admission for Active-Duty Family Members:

Military Hospital - \$0 Prime  
\$11.90 Extra/Standard

Civilian Hospital (*This applies even if Darnall refers you to the civilian hospital. A Non-Availability Statement (NAS) is required to avoid paying the entire cost of care.*):

- Prime - \$0
- Extra\* - \$11.90 per day or \$25 min.
- Standard\* - \$11.90 per day or \$25 min.

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### Catastrophic Cap

Family members of active duty have a catastrophic cap of \$1,000 per year. This means once you have paid a total of \$1,000 for a fiscal year (1 Oct. - 30 Sept.), you are not responsible for any more of the CHAMPUS maximum allowable charges. However, you may still be responsible for additional health care costs. See your Health Benefits Advisor at the TRICARE Service Center.



## Retiree/Retiree Family Member...

Retirees and retiree family members under age 65 who go to a civilian emergency department incur costs that include the annual deductible (fiscal year 1 Oct. - 30 Sept.), the emergency room care, ambulance service, and hospital fees. The following costs apply depending on the TRICARE option you have chosen:

### Deductible

- Prime - No deductible (there is an annual enrollment fee)
- Extra and Standard - \$150 per person or \$300 per family

### Emergency Room Care

- Prime - \$30 co-payment
- Extra - 20% of contracted fee
- Standard - 25% of TRICARE allowable charge

### Hospital Admission

#### Military Hospital

- Retired enlisted - \$0
- Retired officers - \$11.90 per day
- Other beneficiaries - \$11.90 per day

#### Civilian Hospital (*This applies even if Darnall refers you to the hospital.*)

- Prime - \$11 per day or \$25 minimum
- \*Extra - \$250 per day or 25% of institutional services, plus 20% of professional charges
- \*Standard - \$414 per day or 25% of institutional services, plus 25% of professional charges

\* A Non-Availability Statement (NAS) is required to avoid paying the entire cost of care.