

## RESOURCE SHARING GUIDELINES

1. **Resource Sharing.** Resource Sharing has expanded tremendously. To determine which codes are appropriate, we are including a definition of each and the corresponding 4th level MEPRS code. Notice 'S' is reserved for VA/DoD Resource Sharing agreements. The definitions below were coordinated with Management Division, MEDCOM.

2. **MCS Contract Resource Sharing** allows the Managed Care Support (MCS) Contractor, through agreements with military treatment facility (MTF) Commanders, to provide personnel, equipment, equipment maintenance, supplies and \*cash reimbursement for MTF marginal costs necessary to enhance the capability of the MTF to provide health care to CHAMPUS beneficiaries and, in some limited cases to other beneficiary categories. Resource sharing is based on the assumption that costs associated with the provision of these resources will be more than offset by decreased TRICARE (CHAMPUS) costs and result in overall cost savings/avoidance to both the contractor and government when the BPA is calculated.

a. MSC Contractor Resource Sharing - Non-Cash (this would include TRICARE Providers, Partnership). Example: \*\*\*9

b. MSC Contractor Resource Sharing - Cash Reimbursement. Example: \*\*\*8

(\*Cash Reimbursement is cash payments from the MCS Contractor to the MTF Commander for MTF marginal cost resulting from resource sharing workload.

3. **MCS Contract Resource Support** is an alternative to resource sharing which provides additional flexibility to MTF Commanders. Under resource support, the MTF Commander may request a task order for personnel, equipment, equipment maintenance, and/or supplies.

The contractor provides services (supplies, personnel, but no cash) with the MTF providing up-front reimbursement for the services. Resource support is a contracting mechanism for the MTF. Example: \*\*\*6

4. **Other Resource Sharing** is all other non-MCS contract type resource sharing agreements, such as VA sharing agreements. Example: \*\*\*S

5. **Reporting.** The FY99 MEPRS Functional Policy and Guidance stated we would begin to report resource sharing expenses incurred by the Managed Care Support Contractor in MEPRS. You must ensure you receive the "Resource Sharing Activity Report" from your Lead Agents and input these cumulative expenses into the EASIV Financial Adjustments screen using the following data elements:

Expense Element	2562 - Contract Paraprofessional Medical
	2563 - Purchased Health Care
	2564 - Contract Nursing Services
	2565 - Contract Physician Services
Program Element Code	847700**
Basic Symbol Limit	0130.FREE
Source of Funds	S

The Resource Sharing Activity (RSA) contract man-hours should be reconciled to what has been reported by the work center and keyed into the Uniform Chart of Account Personnel Utilization System (UCAPERS). If there is a difference, you should contact your Managed Care Division to resolve the difference. If there is a change to UCAPERS, update the EAS Accumulator/EAS Uniform Staffing Methodology (USM) prior to processing EAS Input.