

School Physicals Added to TRICARE Benefits

Under the 2001 National Defense Authorization Act, TRICARE will cover physical examinations required for school enrollment.

Since TRICARE regards school physicals as preventive services, the new benefit applies to all TRICARE-eligible beneficiaries ages five through 11. It does not cover sports physicals.

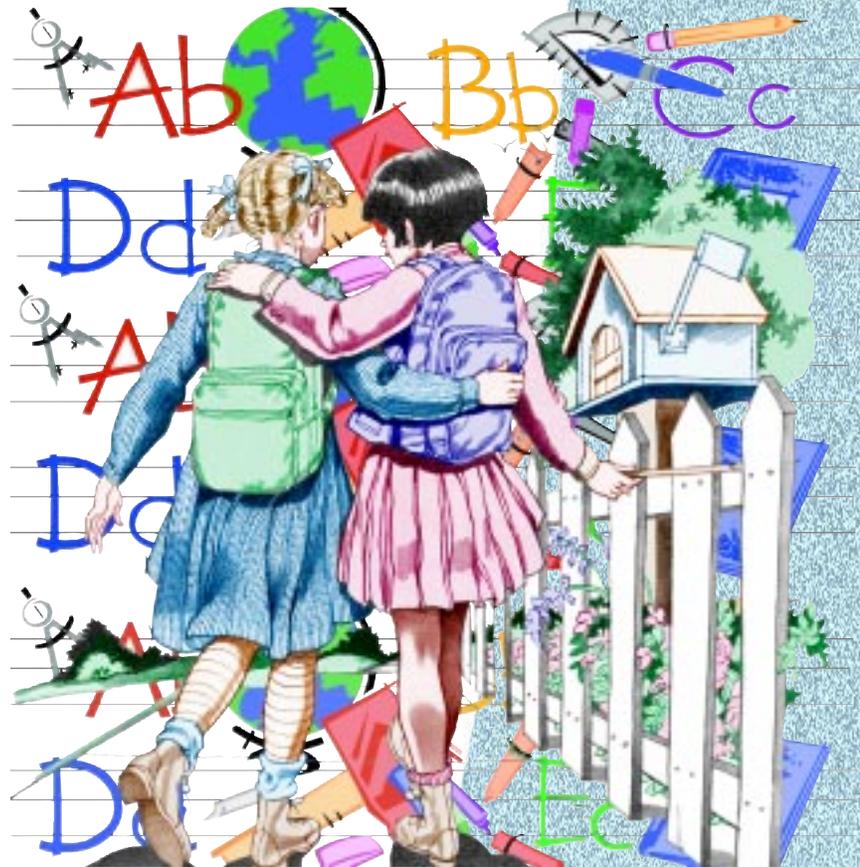
The effective date for the benefit was October 30, 2000.

TRICARE advised beneficiaries to save all receipts and related paperwork for TRICARE reimbursement of school physicals received since October 30, 2000.

To file a claim for this reimbursement, they should attach the receipt and paperwork to a claim form and send it to their regional managed care support contractor.

TRICARE Prime enrollees will not have co-payments or need referrals or authorizations from their primary care managers unless they go to a non-network provider.

TRICARE Standard and Extra beneficiaries do not have to get referrals, but they will have to pay applicable cost shares and deductibles for the school physicals.



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