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*Comparison shopping can reduce costs*

### **TMA announces new military pharmacy prices**

**Heidelberg, Germany** – The TRICARE Management Activity Uniform Business Office has announced several changes in Military Health System pharmacy charges which become effective Jan. 3. TMA's new pricing methodology sets charges for pharmaceuticals at the same level TRICARE would reimburse for similar drugs under its retail pharmacy program.

What this means for you:

- You may notice a price change in your current prescriptions; although some pharmaceuticals you currently receive may be priced higher, the majority of prescription drugs will be available at the same or a lower price. About 14 percent of the current prices will remain the same and about 55 percent will be less.
- TMA UBO has added a \$2 dispensing fee consistent with the average allowable dispensing fee under TRICARE Retail Pharmacy.
- Prices for most over-the-counter drugs will not change significantly.

TMA reminds beneficiaries that the military pharmacy may not always be the lowest cost option, and encourages patients to compare prices with other commercial pharmaceutical sources to ensure you receive the lowest cost. The Europe Regional Medical Command Uniform Business Office will offer an updated Pharmacy Pricing Estimator Tool (PPET) with the new military pharmacy rates upon TMA release through its web site at <http://www.eubo.healthcare.hqusareur.army.mil/> .

For questions on the changes and what they mean for you, contact the ERMCM Uniform Business Office by E-mail at [eubo@amedd.army.mil](mailto:eubo@amedd.army.mil) or by clicking on the "Contact Us" tab on the eUBO Web page.