

# TRICARE Users Consumer Watch

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DEFENSE HEALTH COST ASSESSMENT & PROGRAM

Source: Health Care Survey of DoD Beneficiaries

### Inside Consumer Watch

TRICARE Consumer Watch is a brief summary of what TRICARE users in US MHS say about their healthcare. Data are taken from the Health Care Survey of DoD Beneficiaries (HCSDB). The HCSDB includes questions from the Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (CAHPS), a survey designed to help consumers choose among health plans. The survey for quarter four of FY2015 was canceled.

Figures 1 through 4 show the proportion of Prime enrollees with a military PCM (direct care), or enrolled to a civilian PCM, or using Standard/Extra for most of their care in the past year (purchased care) who respond 8 or above when asked to give a rating on a 0 to 10 scale (0 is bad, and 10 is good), for Health Care, Health Plan, Personal Doctor, or the Specialist they see most often. Rates are adjusted for age and health status.

Benchmark data, from the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) for 2013, are used in calculating benchmarks. Rates differing significantly from the benchmark are in italics and shown in red.

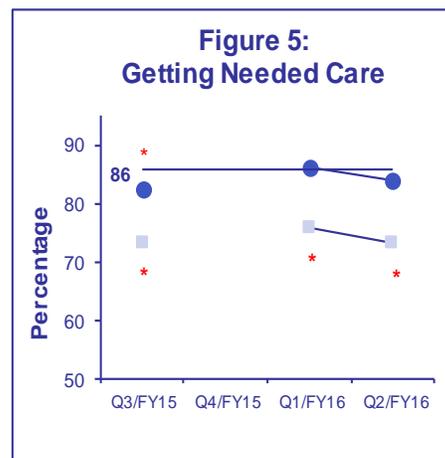
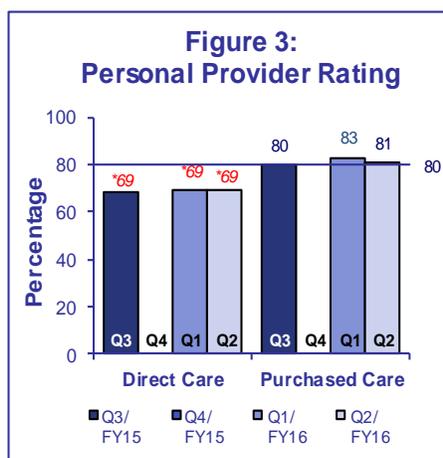
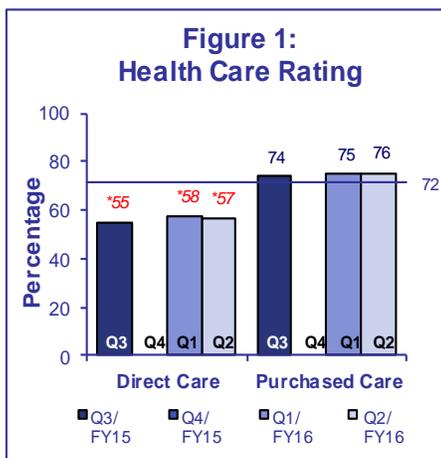
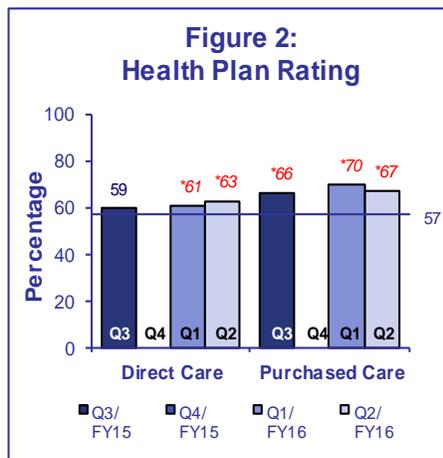


### Health Care Topics

Health Care Topics scores average together results for related questions.

Each score is the percentage who “usually” or “always” got treatment they wanted. Asterisks show values significantly different from the benchmark ( $p < .05$ ).

Figure 5 presents the composites “Getting needed care”. Scores are based on patients’ problems getting referrals and approvals and getting needed treatment.



“Getting care quickly” shown in Figure 6 scores concern how long patients wait for an appointment or wait in the doctor’s office.

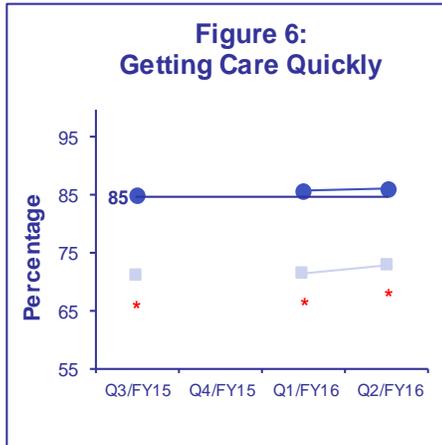
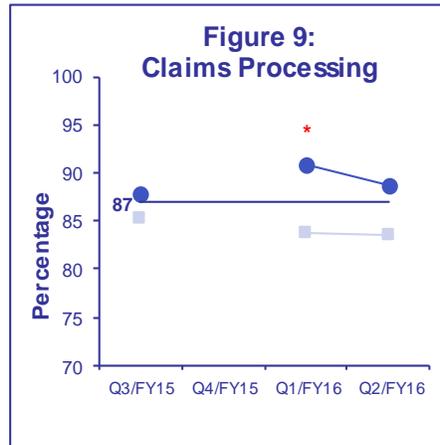


Figure 8 shows “Customer service” scores, which concern patients’ ability to get information about their health plan.

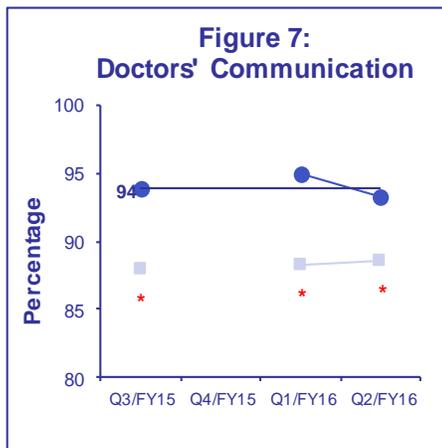
“Claims processing” scores in Figure 9 are based on the timeliness and correctness of plan’s claims handling.

### Preventive Care

The preventive care table compares TRICARE users’ rates for diagnostic screening tests and smoking and tobacco use cessation with goals from Healthy People 2020, a government initiative to improve Americans’ health by preventing illness.



Scores in Figure 7, “Doctor’s communication” are based on whether the doctor spends enough time with patients, treats them respectfully and answers their questions.



### Preventive Care

Type of Care	Qtr 3 FY 2015	Qtr 4 FY 2015	Qtr 1 FY 2016	Qtr 2 FY 2016	Healthy People 2020 Goal
<b>Mammography (women &gt;= 40)</b>					
Direct Care	<i>*86</i>	-	<i>*87</i>	85 (1236)	81
Purchased Care	79	-	<i>*88</i>	83 (483)	
<b>Pap Smear (women &gt;= 18)</b>					
Direct Care	<i>*84</i>	-	<i>*81</i>	<i>*84</i> (2242)	93
Purchased Care	<i>*83</i>	-	<i>*77</i>	<i>*87</i> (799)	
<b>Hypertension Screen (adults)</b>					
Direct Care	<i>*88</i>	-	<i>*92</i>	<i>*91</i> (4800)	95
Purchased Care	93	-	95	95 (1221)	
<b>Prenatal Care (in 1st trimester)</b>					
Direct Care	85	-	84	82 (211)	78
Purchased Care	<i>*97</i>	-	90	88 (93)	
<b>Percent Not Obese (adults)</b>					
Direct Care	<i>*82</i>	-	<i>*81</i>	<i>*80</i> (4458)	69
Purchased Care	72	-	67	71 (1132)	
<b>Non-Smokers (adults)</b>					
Direct Care	90	-	<i>*91</i>	<i>*93</i> (4653)	88
Purchased Care	<i>*93</i>	-	<i>*94</i>	<i>*93</i> (1185)	
<b>Counseled to Quit (adults)</b>					
Direct Care	73	-	83	78 (524)	-
Purchased Care	75	-	87	77 (95)	

\*Numbers in red italics are significantly different from the Healthy People 2020 goal (p< .05). The number of responding beneficiaries for each type of care is in parentheses.

**Figure 1: Health Care Rating**

	Direct Care	Purchased Care
Benchmark	72	72
Q3/ FY15	*55	74
Q4/ FY15	-	-
Q1/ FY16	*58	75
Q2/ FY16	*57	76

**Figure 2: Health Plan Rating**

	Direct Care	Purchased Care
Benchmark	57	57
Q3/ FY15	59	*66
Q4/ FY15	-	-
Q1/ FY16	*61	*70
Q2/ FY16	*63	*67

**Figure 3: Personal Provider Rating**

	Direct Care	Purchased Care
Benchmark	80	80
Q3/ FY15	*69	80
Q4/ FY15	-	-
Q1/ FY16	*69	83
Q2/ FY16	*69	81

**Figure 4: Specialist Rating**

	Direct Care	Purchased Care
Benchmark	80	80
Q3/ FY15	*76	76
Q4/ FY15	-	-
Q1/ FY16	*74	82
Q2/ FY16	*73	*84

Figure 5: Getting Needed Care

	Benchmark	Direct Care	Purchased Care
Q3/FY15	86	*73	*83
Q4/FY15	86	-	-
Q1/FY16	86	*76	86
Q2/FY16	86	*73	84

Figure 6: Getting Care Quickly

	Benchmark	Direct Care	Purchased Care
Q3/FY15	85	*71	85
Q4/FY15	85	-	-
Q1/FY16	85	*72	86
Q2/FY16	85	*73	86

Figure 7: Doctors Communication

	Benchmark	Direct Care	Purchased Care
Q3/FY15	94	*88	94
Q4/FY15	94	-	-
Q1/FY16	94	*88	95
Q2/FY16	94	*89	93

Figure 8: Customer Service

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Q3/FY15	85	*76	*78
Q4/FY15	85	-	-
Q1/FY16	85	*78	82
Q2/FY16	85	*75	83

Figure 9: Claims Processing

	Benchmark	Direct Care	Purchased Care
Q3/FY15	87	85	88
Q4/FY15	87	-	-
Q1/FY16	87	84	*91
Q2/FY16	87	84	89

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