

Transmittal No. 03-36

**Notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter of Offer
Pursuant to Section 36(b)(1)
of the Arms Export Control Act**

**Annex
Item No. vii**

(vii) Sensitivity of Technology:

1. The conventionally armed TOMAHAWK BLOCK IV Land Attack Missile (TLAM-E) consists of the following classified components:

a. The TLAM-E missile (Complete) – Missile components consisting of Guidance Set, Digital Scene Matching Area Correlator (DSMAC), Global Positioning System (GPS) when software is installed, Data Link when software/firmware is installed, Common Missile Radar Altimeter (CMRA), Operational Flight Software, DSMAC Flight Software, and GPS flight software.

2. If a technologically advanced adversary were to obtain knowledge of the specific hardware and software elements, the information could be used to develop countermeasures which might reduce weapon system effectiveness or be used in the development of a system with similar or advanced capabilities.

3. A determination has been made that United Kingdom can provide substantially the same degree of protection for the sensitive technology being released as the U.S. Government. This proposed sale is necessary in furtherance of the U.S. foreign policy and national security objectives outlined in the Policy Justification.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Office of the Secretary****TRICARE (Formerly Known as the
Civilian Health and Medical Program of
the Uniformed Services (CHAMPUS));
Fiscal Year 2004 Mental Health Rate
Updates**

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of updated mental health per diem rates.

SUMMARY: This notice provides for the updating of hospital-specific per diem rates for high volume providers and regional per diem rates for low volume providers; the updated cap per diem for high volume providers; the beneficiary per diem cost-share amount for low volume providers for FY 2004 under the TRICARE Mental Health Per Diem Payment System; and the updated per diem rates for both full-day and half-day TRICARE Partial Hospitalization Programs for fiscal year 2004.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The fiscal year 2004 rates contained in this notice are effective for services occurring on or after October 1, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stan Regensberg, Office of Medical Benefits and Reimbursement Systems, TRICARE Management Activity, telephone (303) 676-3742.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The final rule published in the **Federal Register** on September 6, 1988, (53 FR 34285) set forth reimbursement changes that were effective for all inpatient hospital admission in psychiatric hospitals and exempt psychiatric units occurring on or after January 1, 1989. The final rule published in the **Federal Register** on July 1, 1993, (58 FR 35-400) set forth maximum per diem rates for all partial hospitalization admissions on or after September 29, 1993. Included in these final rules were provisions for updating reimbursement rates for each federal fiscal year. As stated in the final rules, each per diem shall be updated by the Medicare update factor for hospitals and units exempt from the Medicare Prospective Payment System. For fiscal

year 2004, Medicare has recommended a rate of increase of 3.4 percent for hospitals and units excluded from the prospective payment system. TRICARE will adopt this update factor for FY 2004 as the final update factor. Hospitals and units with hospital-specific rates (hospitals and units with high TRICARE volume) and regional specific rates for psychiatric hospitals and units with low TRICARE volume will have their TRICARE rates for FY 2003 updates by 3.4 percent for FY 2004. Partial hospitalization rates for full day and half day programs will also be updated by 3.4 percent for FY 2004. The cap amount for high volume hospitals and units will also be updated by the 3.4 percent for FY 2004. The beneficiary cost-share for low volume hospitals and units will also be updated by the 3.4 percent for FY 2004. Consistent with Medicare, the wage portion of the regional rate subject to the area wage adjustment is 71.56 percent for FY 2004.

The following reflect an update of 3.4 percent.