

2024 Current Fiscal Year Report: Department of Defense Medicare-Eligible Retiree Health Care Board of Actuaries

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1. Department or Agency	2. Fiscal Year
Department of Defense	2024
3. Committee or Subcommittee	3b. GSA Committee No.
Department of Defense Medicare-Eligible Retiree Health Care Board of Actuaries	10680

4. Is this New Fiscal Year?	5. Current Charter	6. Expected Renewal Date	7. Expected Term Date
No	12/30/2022	12/30/2024	

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?	8b. Specific Termination Authority	8c. Actual Term Date
No	10 U.S.C. 1114	

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year	10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?	10b. Legislation Pending?
Continue	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority Statutory (Congress Created)

12. Specific Establishment Authority	13. Effective Date	14. Committee Type	14c. Presidential?
10 U.S.C. 1114	10/30/2000	Continuing	No

15. Description of Committee Scientific Technical Program
Advisory Board

16a. Total Number of Reports No Reports for this Fiscal Year

17a. Open 0 **17b. Closed** 0 **17c. Partially Closed** 0 **Other Activities** 0 **17d. Total** 0

Meetings and Dates
No Meetings

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$0.00	\$0.00
18d. Total	\$0.00	\$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.00	0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The Board provides independent advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Defense and the Deputy Secretary of Defense, through the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness (USD(P&R)), on matters related to the actuarial status of the Department of Defense Medicare-Eligible Retiree Health Care Fund.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The Board consists of three members who are appointed by the Secretary of Defense from

among qualified professional actuaries who are members of the Society of Actuaries. The three members are experts in the technical and actuarial aspects of retiree health care. There is no particular point of view represented other than sound funding of pension benefits.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

The Retiree Health Care Board holds one open meeting annually. These meetings are necessary to promulgate the per capita retiree health care costs used in calculating the annual contribution by the Treasury into the Retiree Health Care Fund. The meetings are also necessary for the Board to determine the unfunded liability payment due each year from Treasury. This is also an opportunity for the Board to learn about and discuss issues affecting military retiree health care benefits.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

Federal statute (10 U.S.C. 1114) requires the Secretary of Defense to establish this advisory board.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

N/A

21. Remarks

N/A

Designated Federal Officer

Inger M. Pettygrove Designated Federal Officer

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Alden, Stuart	05/15/2017	05/14/2032	Actuary	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Osterndorf, David	05/01/2011	04/30/2026	Consulting Actuary	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Yu, Jian	12/20/2021	12/19/2036	Associate Chief Actuary	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 3

Narrative Description

The DoD Medicare-Eligible Retiree Health Care Board of Actuaries is tasked with advising the Secretary of Defense on all actuarial matters necessary to make determinations on the Medicare-Eligible Retiree Health Care Fund in order to finance liabilities of the Fund on an actuarially sound basis. The mission of the Board is to assist and advise the Secretary of Defense on actuarial matters associated with the Fund.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if
Applies

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|---|-------------------------------------|
| Improvements to health or safety | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Trust in government | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Major policy changes | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Advance in scientific research | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Effective grant making | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Improved service delivery | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Increased customer satisfaction | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Other | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Outcome Comments

N/A

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

- | | |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------|
| None | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Unable to Determine | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

Under \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$100,000 - \$500,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cost Savings Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Cost Savings Comments

The Board provides a valuable and necessary service to the Medicare-Eligible Retiree Health Care Fund at a fraction of what these services would cost in the private sector.

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

16

Number of Recommendations Comments

The Board has cumulatively made 16 recommendations in its Quadrennial Reports to the President and Congress. This number will not be updated until their next report, which is due at the end of 2025.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

7%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

Most of the Board's recommendations require legislative changes. Only one of them has been fully implemented.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

33%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

DoD Office of the Actuary, DHA, OSD-Comptroller, and OMB have engaged in meaningful discussions regarding a legislative proposal for funding the pre-Medicare retirees. DoD Office of the Actuary has discussed the benefits of annual benefits enrollment with key staff members on the MCRMC. DoD Office of the Actuary is working with the GC advisor to introduce legislation to reduce the term of Board members. USFHP has been reviewed,

which was recommended by the Board.

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Applicable ☒

Agency Feedback Comments

The Medicare-Eligible Retiree Health Care Board of Actuaries reports to the President and Congress on issues of concern with the actuarial status of the Medicare-Eligible Retiree Health Care Fund. DoD feedback is not required.

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Action Comments

N/A

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

N/A

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Committee Web Site	<input type="checkbox"/>
Online GSA FACA Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Publications	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Access Comments

The DoD Office of the Actuary assists in an annual valuation of the Medicare-Eligible Retiree Health Care System using methods and assumptions approved by the Board. These reports are available from the Office of the Actuary.