

## **WPS is part of contract award for TRICARE 2017 East Region** *WPS Military and Veterans Health will partner with Humana*

**MADISON, Wis.—July 22, 2016**—WPS Military and Veterans Health is taking on additional contract work for TRICARE, which is the federal health and benefits insurance for active-duty military personnel, retirees and their families.

The U.S. Department of Defense has awarded Humana Government Business the TRICARE 2017 contract for the East Region, and WPS MVH is partnering as a subcontractor. The contract provides five, one-year options exercisable by the Department of Defense.

WPS MVH will provide information technology support, claims processing, and customer service functions. WPS MVH is one of the business units of WPS Health Solutions, based in Madison.

“This is exciting news for all of us at WPS,” said WPS Health Solutions President and CEO Mike Hamerlik. “By partnering with Humana, we are able to leverage our resources to secure a share of this important contract.”

The Defense Health Agency (DHA), which oversees the TRICARE program, announced its selection on July 21. The East Region comprises 30 states with approximately 6 million beneficiaries.

Currently, Humana holds the contract for the TRICARE South Region. The new East Region is a combination of the current South and North regions.

WPS MVH already has two other TRICARE contracts, providing claims administration, customer service, and related activities for the TRICARE Overseas Program and the TRICARE for Life program. WPS MVH also does contract work for the Veterans Choice program, which is operated by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

“The award of the East Region recognizes the great work of the WPS MVH employees and those WPS employees who support the TRICARE and VA programs,” said Brian Brugger, Executive Vice President of MVH.

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