

TRICARE BENEFICIARY BULLETIN – SEPTEMBER 01 - 726 WORDS

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THIS IS THE TRICARE BENEFICIARY BULLETIN, AN UPDATE ON THE LATEST NEWS TO HELP YOU MAKE THE BEST USE OF YOUR TRICARE BENEFIT. I'M AUSTIN CAMACHO (:10)

FIRST UP: LORRAINE CWIEKA REPORTS ON EARLY PRESCRIPTION REFILLS FOR BENEFICIARIES AFFECTED BY WILDFIRES.

DUE TO THE WILDFIRES IN LOS ANGELES, MONTEREY, PLACER AND MARIPOSA, CALIFORNIA, EXPRESS SCRIPTS WILL ALLOW EARLY REFILLS FOR THE TRICARE PHARMACY PROGRAMS, BOTH MAIL ORDER AND RETAIL, UNTIL OCTOBER 9, 2009.

THIS ALLOWS BENEFICIARIES WHO HAVE EVACUATED TO CONTINUE TO RECEIVE REFILLS IF THEY WERE UNABLE TO BRING THEIR PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION WITH THEM.

TRICARE OFFICIALS REMIND BENEFICIARIES THAT EARLY REFILLS ARE ONLY AUTHORIZED FOR BENEFICIARIES WHO SPECIFICALLY INDICATE THEY ARE IMPACTED BY WILDFIRES. THOSE BENEFICIARIES MAY TAKE THEIR PRESCRIPTION BOTTLE TO ANY TRICARE RETAIL NETWORK PHARMACY.

BENEFICIARIES CAN REQUEST ASSISTANCE AT ANOTHER PHARMACY; HOWEVER, HELP PROVIDED IS AT THE PHARMACY'S DISCRETION. IF BENEFICIARIES USE A RETAIL CHAIN, THEY CAN GET MEDICATION FROM ANOTHER STORE IN THAT CHAIN. IF A BENEFICIARY'S PRIMARY CARE MANAGER IS AVAILABLE, HE OR SHE MAY CALL IN A NEW PRESCRIPTION TO ANY TRICARE NETWORK PHARMACY IN THE AREA.

BENEFICIARIES IMPACTED BY WILDFIRES ARE ALSO ABLE TO USE THEIR ONE TIME PER YEAR OVERRIDE. TRICARE PAYS FOR THE ADDITIONAL REFILL WHEN THIS OVERRIDE IS USED.

BENEFICIARIES ARE STILL RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY CO PAYS. ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS MAY BE AUTHORIZED IF A

BENEFICIARY IN AN IMPACTED AREA HAS ALREADY USED THIS BENEFIT.

CONTACT EXPRESS SCRIPTS AT 1 866 363 8779 OR VISIT WWW.EXPRESS-SCRIPTS.COM/TRICARE FOR ASSISTANCE OR TO FIND A TRICARE RETAIL NETWORK PHARMACY NEAR YOU.

FOR TRICARE MANAGEMENT ACTIVITY, I'M LORRAINE CWIEKA.

NEXT, HAVE A NEW ADDRESS? MAKE SURE TO UPDATE DEERS. IMPORTANT LIFE EVENTS LIKE MOVING OR HAVING A CHILD GO OFF TO COLLEGE ARE MILESTONES IN MILITARY FAMILIES' LIVES. NO MATTER WHERE THEIR JOURNEYS TAKE THEM, IT'S IMPORTANT FOR FAMILIES TO KEEP THEIR DEERS RECORDS UP TO DATE.

FOR TRICARE BENEFICIARIES, KEEPING DEFENSE ENROLLMENT ELIGIBILITY REPORTING SYSTEM OR DEERS RECORDS UP-TO-DATE MEANS UNINTERRUPTED ACCESS TO TRICARE'S WORLD-CLASS HEALTH CARE.

ALONG WITH CHANGES OF ADDRESS, OTHER LIFE EVENTS THAT CAN AFFECT DEERS RECORDS INCLUDE ADDITIONS TO THE FAMILY, EITHER THROUGH BIRTHS OR ADOPTIONS; CHANGES IN A SPONSOR'S STATUS SUCH AS RETIREMENT; MARRIAGE OR DIVORCE; BECOMING ENTITLED TO MEDICARE; OR THE DEATH OF A SPONSOR OR FAMILY MEMBER.

SPONSORS ARE AUTOMATICALLY REGISTERED IN DEERS, BUT IT IS CRITICAL THEY REGISTER THEIR ELIGIBLE FAMILY MEMBERS AS WELL. TO REGISTER FAMILY MEMBERS IN DEERS AND RECEIVE AN ID CARD, THE FAMILY MEMBER AND SPONSOR MUST BRING DOCUMENTATION, SUCH AS A MARRIAGE OR BIRTH CERTIFICATE, TO A MILITARY ID CARD ISSUING FACILITY.

LOCATE ID CARD OFFICES BY ZIP CODE, CITY OR STATE USING THE ID CARD OFFICE LOCATOR AT

[HTTP://WWW.DMDC.OSD.MIL/RSL](http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/rsl).

CONTACT INFORMATION ON DEERS CAN BE UPDATED IN PERSON AT A MILITARY ID CARD ISSUING FACILITY, ONLINE, AND BY PHONE, FAX OR MAIL. FOR MORE INFORMATION LOG ONTO

[HTTP://WWW.TRICARE.MIL/DEERS](http://www.tricare.mil/deers).

AND FINALLY, ANNEMARIE FELICIO REPORTS THAT THE MHS IS TO HONOR OUTSTANDING FEMALE PHYSICIANS.

THE CHIEF HUMAN CAPITAL OFFICE OF THE MILITARY HEALTH SYSTEM OR THE MHS ANNOUNCES THE LAUNCH OF THE NEW ANNUAL BUILDING STRONGER FEMALE PHYSICIAN LEADERS IN THE MHS AWARD.

THE AWARD IDENTIFIES AND HONORS OUTSTANDING FEMALE PHYSICIANS WHO HAVE MADE SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PRACTICE OF MILITARY MEDICINE AND SERVE AS EXEMPLARY ROLE MODELS FOR OTHERS.

THIS IS ONE OF MANY INNOVATIVE INITIATIVES DESIGNED TO ATTRACT FEMALE PHYSICIANS INTO THE MHS, THAT'S IMPORTANT BECAUSE OF INCREASING NUMBERS OF FEMALES ENTERING AND GRADUATING FROM MEDICAL SCHOOLS.

“FEMALE PHYSICIANS ARE AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE WORK OF THE MHS,” SAID ELLEN EMBREY, PERFORMING THE DUTIES OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR HEALTH AFFAIRS.

“THIS AWARD REPRESENTS OUR COMMITMENT TO HONOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO MILITARY MEDICINE, AS WELL AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO MOTIVATE THE NEXT GENERATION OF YOUNG WOMEN PHYSICIANS.”

THE AWARD HONORS ONE JUNIOR LEADER O-3 TO O-5 PER SERVICE, AS WELL AS RECOGNIZES ONE SENIOR O-6 MHS-WIDE LEADER.

IF TRICARE BENEFICIARIES HAVE A FAVORITE WOMAN MILITARY DOCTOR, THIS IS THEIR CHANCE TO LET THE WORLD KNOW. TO NOMINATE AN OUTSTANDING FEMALE PHYSICIAN, VISIT [HTTP://WWW.HEALTH.MIL/PEOPLE](http://www.health.mil/people).

NOMINATIONS ARE DUE ON OCTOBER 30, 2009. WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED FORMALLY AT THE MHS CONFERENCE, IN JANUARY 2010.

FOR TRICARE MANAGEMENT ACTIVITY, I'M ANNEMARIE
FELICIO.

AND THAT'S TODAY'S TRICARE BENEFICIARY BULLETIN. WE'LL
HAVE MORE NEWS YOU CAN USE NEXT WEEK. (:03)

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