

TRICARE® RETIRING FROM ACTIVE DUTY



When you retire from active duty, your TRICARE coverage will change. Understanding your TRICARE options will help you and your family make the best health care decisions.

WHAT STAYS THE SAME?

After retirement, some parts of your TRICARE benefit will stay the same:

- You remain eligible for care and the use of the pharmacy at military hospitals and clinics.
- Your TRICARE benefit is still portable. When you move or travel, TRICARE coverage goes with you.
- You can still use the TRICARE Pharmacy Program.

WHAT CHANGES?

After retirement, you will have these changes with TRICARE:

- Your TRICARE status changes, and you will get a new uniformed services ID card.
- You will need to take action to enroll in a TRICARE program if you want coverage for civilian care.
- You will pay retiree costs for care.
- You will no longer have coverage for certain services, like those provided under the Extended Care Health Option (ECHO) for active duty family members.
- If you're entitled to Medicare Part A, you must have Medicare Part B to keep TRICARE coverage.

WHAT ACTIONS DO I NEED TO TAKE?

First, update your information in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS). If you're entitled to Medicare Part A, sign up for Medicare Part B before you retire. The next steps depend on which programs you want to use.

TRICARE Prime®

- Reenroll yourself and eligible family members within 90 days of retirement.
- Pay the single or family enrollment fee.

TRICARE Select®

- Enroll yourself and eligible family members within 90 days of retirement.
- Pay the single or family enrollment fee.

See the *Getting Care with TRICARE Prime* and *Getting Care with TRICARE Select* sections of this brochure for more information about either plan.

Other program options: See the *Other TRICARE Program Options After Retirement* section in this brochure.

Dental and vision coverage: You may be eligible for the Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Program. See the *Voluntary Dental and Vision Coverage for You and Your Family* section in this brochure.



WHAT TRICARE PROGRAM OPTIONS DO I HAVE?



Options for You and Your Family After Retirement

TRICARE Prime (under age 65)
US Family Health Plan (under age 65)
TRICARE Select
TRICARE For Life (if you are entitled to Medicare Part A and have Medicare Part B)
TRICARE Retired Reserve (up to age 60)
TRICARE Overseas Program Select
TRICARE Plus

ECHO services for families with special needs are not available in retirement. For more information, contact your ECHO Case Management Department.

TRICARE For Life
(If you are entitled to Medicare Part A based on age [65] and have Medicare Part B. See the *Other TRICARE Program Options After Retirement* section in this brochure for more information.)

Before Age 65

Age 65 and After

TRICARE Coverage In Retirement

If you want TRICARE Prime or TRICARE Select with no break in coverage, you must enroll within 90 days of your retirement date. The effective date of coverage will be the date you retire. **Note:** TRICARE Prime is available in certain stateside areas and not available overseas.

If you don't enroll in TRICARE Prime or TRICARE Select within 90 days of retirement, you'll only be eligible for care at a military hospital or clinic if space is available. You may only enroll in TRICARE Prime or TRICARE Select after a Qualifying Life Event or during TRICARE Open Season.

For more information, visit www.tricare.mil/lifeevents and www.tricare.mil/openseason.

How To Enroll

- Use the Beneficiary Web Enrollment website at www.dmdc.osd.mil/appj/bwe (Stateside only).
- Call your regional contractor.
- Mail your enrollment form. Find forms online at www.tricare.mil/forms.

Note: When a retiree or retiree family member becomes individually eligible for Medicare Part A, that individual is not eligible to enroll in TRICARE Select; however, the individual may be eligible to enroll in TRICARE Prime if the Medicare eligibility is not based on age. Generally, when a retiree or retiree family member becomes individually eligible for Medicare Part A and enrolls in Medicare Part B, he or she is automatically eligible for TRICARE For Life.

Getting Care with TRICARE Prime

Routine

Your primary care manager (PCM) will provide or arrange your routine care. You may enroll with a PCM at a military hospital or clinic as space allows.

Specialty

Your PCM may refer you to a military or civilian provider for specialty care. Military hospitals and clinics in Prime Service Areas have the "right of first refusal" to deliver TRICARE Prime specialty care.

Costs

As a retiree, you pay a yearly TRICARE Prime enrollment fee (unless you have Medicare Part B). Copayments or cost-shares will apply for civilian TRICARE network provider care. Point-of-service (POS) fees will apply if you get care without a referral from your PCM. POS fees don't apply to active duty service members or if you have other health insurance (OHI). If you have OHI, it pays before TRICARE.

Getting Care with TRICARE Select

Routine

You will see your preferred primary care provider for routine care or the TRICARE-authorized provider of your choice.

Specialty

You do not need a referral for specialty care. You may see the TRICARE-authorized provider of your choice.

Costs

As a retiree, you may pay a yearly TRICARE Select enrollment fee (unless you have Medicare Part B or your or your sponsor's initial enlistment or appointment began before Jan. 1, 2018). Copayments or cost-shares will apply for civilian TRICARE network provider care. You will have lower out-of-pocket costs if you use a TRICARE network provider versus a non-network TRICARE-authorized provider. If you choose a non-authorized non-network provider, you will not be reimbursed by TRICARE.



Other TRICARE Program Options After Retirement

US Family Health Plan

The US Family Health Plan (USFHP), a TRICARE Prime option, is available through networks of community-based, not-for-profit health care systems in six areas of the U.S. When you enroll in USFHP, you get care through the health care systems offering the program. You may not use services within the Military Health System (including military hospital or clinic care) except in emergencies. Your prescription drug coverage is offered through your USFHP provider. You must be under age 65 to enroll in USFHP. For more information, visit www.tricare.mil/usfhp.

TRICARE For Life

TRICARE For Life (TFL) is Medicare-wraparound coverage for TRICARE beneficiaries who are entitled to Medicare Part A and have Medicare Part B, regardless of age or where you live. Your TFL coverage begins the first day that your Medicare Part A and Part B coverage are effective. There are no enrollment forms or enrollment fees for TFL. Once you have both Part A and Part B, you automatically receive TRICARE benefits under TFL. If you are entitled to premium-free Medicare Part A, you must also have Medicare Part B to keep TRICARE. For Medicare details, visit www.medicare.gov. For Medicare enrollment information, visit www.ssa.gov. For TFL details, visit www.tricare.mil/tfl.

TRICARE Young Adult

Dependent children who lose TRICARE coverage due to age may qualify to purchase premium-based TRICARE Young Adult (TYA) coverage up to age 26. If your child was enrolled in TYA when you retired, he or she may need to re-apply. For more information about TYA Prime and TYA Select, visit www.tricare.mil/tya.

TRICARE Retired Reserve®

TRICARE Retired Reserve (TRR) is a premium-based health plan available for purchase by qualified members of the Retired Reserve until reaching age 60. TRR provides coverage and costs similar to TRICARE Select, but TRR beneficiaries must also pay monthly premiums in addition to copayments, cost-shares, and deductibles. If you have TRR, you may get care from any TRICARE-authorized provider, unless overseas restrictions apply. You may get care at military hospitals and clinics if space is available.

TRICARE Overseas Program Select

TRICARE Overseas Program (TOP) Select is an option for retired service members, their families, and others living or traveling overseas. You may get military hospital or clinic care if space is available. It is similar to TRICARE Select in the U.S., including copayments or cost-shares and a yearly deductible. TOP Prime and TOP Prime Remote are not available to retirees or retiree family members. Additional rules apply in the Philippines. Visit www.tricare-overseas.com/philippines.htm for more information.

TRICARE Plus

TRICARE Plus is a program that allows those who usually get military hospital or clinic care if space is available to sign up for the same primary care access standards as TRICARE Prime beneficiaries. You may contact your local military hospital or clinic to determine if TRICARE Plus is an option.

Your TRICARE Benefit and the Affordable Care Act

The Affordable Care Act requires that individuals maintain health insurance or other health coverage in 2018 that meets the definition of minimum essential coverage. Most TRICARE plans meet this requirement. Due to tax law changes, beginning Jan. 1, 2019, you'll no longer be required to have minimum essential coverage. You'll still get an Internal Revenue Service Form 1095 from your pay center each January listing the coverage you had during the previous tax year. You can find other health care coverage options at www.healthcare.gov.

Voluntary Dental and Vision Coverage for You and Your Family



Retired service members and family members may qualify to purchase dental coverage through the Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Program (FEDVIP), offered by the U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

Those enrolled in a TRICARE health plan may also qualify to purchase vision coverage through FEDVIP.

For more information, visit www.tricare.mil/fedvip or www.benefeds.com.

WHAT IS MY PHARMACY BENEFIT?

If you have a TRICARE health care plan, you have pharmacy coverage*. You may fill prescriptions through:

- Military pharmacies
- TRICARE Pharmacy Home Delivery (some limitations overseas)
- TRICARE retail network pharmacies (only available in the U.S. and U.S. territories, except for American Samoa)
- Non-network pharmacies

Your options for filling prescriptions depend on the type of drug your provider prescribes and where you live. Most retirees and their families are required to fill select maintenance medications using TRICARE Pharmacy Home Delivery.

For TRICARE Pharmacy Program details and cost information, visit www.tricare.mil/pharmacy.

* If you are enrolled in USFHP, you are not eligible for the TRICARE Pharmacy Program. You must use USFHP pharmacy providers.

LOOKING FOR More Information?

GO TO www.tricare.mil/contactus

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TRICARE East Region

Humana Military
1-800-444-5445
HumanaMilitary.com
www.tricare-east.com

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TRICARE West Region

Health Net Federal Services, LLC
1-844-866-WEST (1-844-866-9378)
www.tricare-west.com



TRICARE For Life

www.tricare.mil/tfl
Wisconsin Physicians Service
Military & Veterans Health
1-866-773-0404
www.tricare4u.com

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TRICARE Overseas Program (TOP)

International SOS
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www.tricare-overseas.com

For toll-free contact information, visit www.tricare-overseas.com/contact-us

TRICARE Prime

www.tricare.mil/prime

TRICARE Select

www.tricare.mil/select

US Family Health Plan

www.tricare.mil/usfhp

TRICARE Retired Reserve

www.tricare.mil/trr

TRICARE Young Adult

www.tricare.mil/tya

TRICARE Plus

www.tricare.mil/plus

Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System

www.tricare.mil/deers

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An Important Note About TRICARE Program Information

At the time of publication, this information is current. It is important to remember that TRICARE policies and benefits are governed by public law and federal regulations. Changes to TRICARE programs are continually made as public law and/or federal regulations are amended. **Military hospital and clinic guidelines and policies may be different than those outlined in this publication.** For the most recent information, contact your TRICARE regional contractor or local military hospital or clinic.

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