

Retirees Over 65 ...

Medicare will pay the allowable amount for the care, and generally TRICARE will pay the amount that is the Medicare cost share, as well as the Medicare deductible.

When a benefit is covered only by Medicare (for example, chiropractic care), you may be responsible for any remaining costs after Medicare has paid the provider.

When a benefit is covered only by TRICARE (for example, prescriptions), you may be responsible for only the TRICARE cost-shares and deductibles.

To use TRICARE, all eligible beneficiaries, including those who reside or travel overseas, must be enrolled in Medicare Part B. TRICARE will be their only payer for care, and beneficiaries will have the same co-payments as all other TRICARE retired beneficiaries. Medicare does not cover health service delivered outside the United States.

For additional information on Medicare enrollment, beneficiaries can contact the Social Security Administration (SSA), toll-free at 1-800-772-1213; TTY/TDD-1-800-325-0778 for the hearing and speech impaired. Additional information is also available on the Medicare Web site at www.medicare.gov.

For more information on TRICARE For Life, please call 1-877-DoD-LIFE or visit the TRICARE website www.tricare.osd.mil.

Update DEERS Information

To ensure eligibility for TRICARE benefits, all eligible members must be sure their DEERS information is updated. This includes your address as well as family status such as marriage, divorce or death. Update your information at the River's Inprocessing Center, Bldg 121, on Fort Hood or you can visit www.dmdc.osd.mil to update your information.

Dental Care ...

The Delta/Select Retiree Dental program is available to retirees of all ages, both under and over 65 as well as their family members. The program is low-cost, and covers diagnostic and preventive procedures. For more information or to enroll, call 1-888-838-8737.

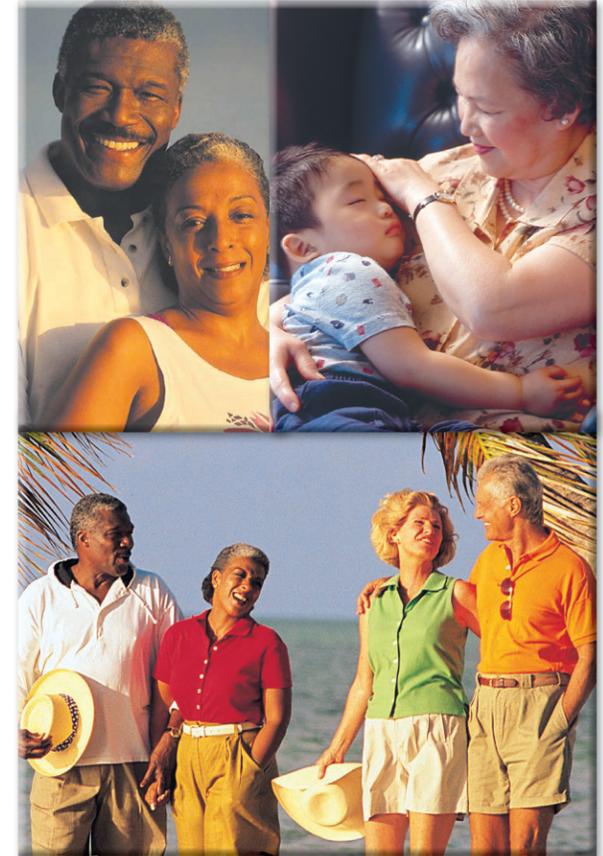
For more information about retiree health or dental care, visit the TRICARE Service Center in building 36029, across from Darnall's front parking lot. For more information about retiree health or dental care on the world wide web, visit, www.tricare.osd.mil.



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About to Retire? ...

Are you getting ready to retire from active duty and want you and your family members to remain enrolled in TRICARE Prime AND continue to be seen by a Primary Care Manager of your choice? You can enroll up to 30 days before your retirement, and your Prime coverage will become effective on the date of your retirement. There will be no break in health care coverage if you just follow the steps listed below.

Get Retiree ID Card ...

Visit the Rivers InProcessing Center ID card section to obtain your Retiree ID card. Make sure that the Defense Enrollment and Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) has changed your military status from active duty to retired.

(To avoid losing your active duty access to care, keep a copy of your retirement orders with you.)

Enroll in TRICARE Prime ...



Visit the TRICARE Service Center. You will need your retiree ID card and Social Security Numbers for all of your eligible family members.

So that your Prime coverage coincides with your retirement date, your application and enrollment fee must be given to the TRICARE Service Center (TSC) before the 20th of the month for enrollment to begin on the first of the following month. If your spouse remains on active duty after

you retire, you may have other enrollment options. Please visit the TSC for more information and to be sure this enrollment process is complete.

Active duty military who are retiring may be able to continue their current clinic enrollment if space is available or they may choose a civilian physician if they give their retiree application to the TSC before retiring. In order to keep your current clinic enrollment, your retiree application must be submitted before to your last day of active duty. Visit the TRICARE Service Center early to get your questions answered and complete the enrollment process.

Prime Enrollment Benefits ...

- Travel to your primary care physician should not exceed 30 minutes from home.
- Office waiting times should not be more than 30 minutes.
- Appointments within 24 hours for acute illness.
- Appointments within seven days for routine visits.
- Appointments within 28 days for wellness visits.
- Benefits travel with enrollee during moves/vacations.
- Wellness screenings, exams, classes

National Mail Order Pharmacy

A 90-day supply of non-controlled medications can be ordered through the National Mail Order Pharmacy program, a benefit for all DoD beneficiaries. Retirees pay a \$3 co-payment for generic drugs and a \$9 co-payment for brand name drugs. Call 1-800-903-4680 for an order form. Call the DEERS Support Office, 1-800-538-9552 before using the service.

Retirees Under 65...

Retirees who do not enroll in Prime are covered by either TRICARE Standard or Extra. Call the TRICARE Service Center, 1-800-406-2832, for information about these options.

Prime enrollment fees

Annual for single person \$230
Annual for family \$460

- Enrollment is for 12 months.
- Payment can be on a quarterly or annual basis.
- Enrollment fees cannot be refunded.

Active duty military who are retiring and whose family members are currently enrolled in TRICARE Prime may remain enrolled in their current clinic, or they may select a civilian provider from a list at the TRICARE Service Center.

Internal Medicine Clinic

Fourth Floor, Darnall Hospital

Family Care Clinic-Cove

819 East Highway 190

Family Care Clinic-Darnall

First Floor, Darnall Hospital

Bennett Health Clinic

31st Street & Battalion Avenue

Thomas Moore Health Clinic

58th Street & 761st Battalion Avenue