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’ll have these changes with TRICARE:

- Your TRICARE status changes, and you’ll get a new Uniformed Services ID card.
- You’ll need to take action to enroll in a TRICARE program if you want coverage for civilian care.
- You’ll pay retiree costs for care.
- You’ll 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 in 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.

This brochure is not all-inclusive. For additional information, please go to www.tricare.mil.
**TRICARE Coverage In Retirement**

If you want TRICARE Prime or TRICARE Select with no break in coverage, you must enroll in an eligible plan 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 may request a retroactive enrollment within 12 months of your retirement date. Coverage is effective from the date of the sponsor’s retirement. If applicable, enrollment fees would need to be paid back to the retirement date.

If you don’t enroll within 90 days of your retirement date or request retroactive enrollment, you can only enroll in a TRICARE plan during TRICARE Open Season or after you or a family member experiences a Qualifying Life Event. Until then, you’ll only be eligible for care at a military hospital or clinic—if space is available. For more information, visit [www.tricare.mil/openseason](http://www.tricare.mil/openseason) and [www.tricare.mil/lifeevents](http://www.tricare.mil/lifeevents).

**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’ll see your preferred primary care provider for routine care or the TRICARE-authorized provider of your choice.

**Specialty**
You don’t need a referral for specialty care. You may see the TRICARE-authorized provider of your choice.

**Costs**
As a retiree, you pay a yearly TRICARE Select enrollment fee. Your deductible, copayments, or cost-shares will apply for civilian TRICARE network provider care. You’ll 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 won’t be reimbursed by TRICARE.
**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. Visit [www.tricare.mil/plus](http://www.tricare.mil/plus) for more information.

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**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](http://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’re entitled to premium-free Medicare Part A, you must also have Medicare Part B to keep TRICARE. For Medicare details, visit [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov). For Medicare enrollment information, visit [www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov). For TFL details, visit [www.tricare.mil/tfl](http://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](http://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’s similar to TRICARE Select in the U.S., including copayments or cost-shares and a yearly deductible. TOP Prime and TOP Prime Remote are unavailable to retirees or retiree family members. Additional rules apply in the Philippines. Visit [www.tricare-overseas.com/beneficiaries/philippines](http://www.tricare-overseas.com/beneficiaries/philippines) for more information.

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**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. Visit [www.tricare.mil/plus](http://www.tricare.mil/plus) for more information.

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**Your TRICARE Benefit and the Affordable Care Act**
Most TRICARE plans meet the Affordable Care Act requirement for minimum essential coverage. You’ll 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](http://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.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’re enrolled in USFHP, you aren’t eligible for the TRICARE Pharmacy Program. You must use USFHP pharmacy providers.

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

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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International SOS
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TRICARE Prime
www.tricare.mil/prime

TRICARE Select
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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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