

TRICARE INFORMATION BROCHURE

TRICARE (www.tricare.osd.mil) is a regionally managed healthcare program for Uniformed Service members and their families that blends the direct care system of military hospitals and clinics with civilian providers. Members of the Commissioned Corps and their dependents in both the United States Public Health Service (PHS) and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) are eligible for enrollment.

TRICARE offers three health care choices

1. *TRICARE Prime*

TRICARE Prime operates as an HMO for active duty members and their families with no enrollment fee. It gives you access to a regional network of providers who manage your healthcare. Active duty members **MUST** use this option.

2. *TRICARE Extra and TRICARE Standard*

TRICARE Extra is a plan that allows family members to select their health care providers from the TRICARE Provider Directory. TRICARE Standard is the new name for the former CHAMPUS fee-for-service program. Members of this plan have the broadest choice of providers, but pay more for this flexibility. Although dependents pay no enrollment fee for either plan, they do pay annual deductibles and a share of the cost.

3. *TRICARE Prime Remote* (www.tricare.osd.mil/remote)

TRICARE Prime Remote (TPR) serves those on remote assignments by providing access to quality, convenient health care as well as other benefits of TRICARE Prime. Active Duty Members of the PHS or NOAA who live and work more than 50 miles (or approximately an hour's drive) from the closest Military Treatment Facility (MTF) are eligible for TRICARE Prime Remote.

BENEFICIARY MEDICAL PROGRAM (www.usphs.gov/html/healthcare.html)

In the past, the PHS and NOAA have provided access assistance and taken on financial responsibility for their officers' healthcare. The Beneficiary Medical Program within the Department of Health and Human Services has provided advice and guidance to PHS and NOAA officers concerning routine healthcare services, pre-authorization for non-routine healthcare services, issuance of purchase order numbers to purchase healthcare services, management of their health care entitlement, and access to healthcare services in both the military and civilian sectors. While this program will continue to assist during a transition period, TRICARE will eventually handle all PHS and NOAA healthcare.

FILING CLAIMS (www.tricare.osd.mil/claims; www.mytricare.com)

For those enrolled in TRICARE Prime, your primary care manager will file your claims for you. If you seek care from a non-network provider, you may have to file the claim yourself. You can download forms from www.tricare.osd.mil/claims, obtain them from a military treatment facility or request them from TMA at 16401 E. Centretech Parkway, Aurora, CO 80011-9066. You can keep track of your claims at www.mytricare.com.

FURTHER INFORMATION

You can find further information about TRICARE through the health care finder at a military treatment facility or at the nearest TRICARE Service Center—see phone numbers and locations at www.tricare.osd.mil and <http://dcp.psc.gov/>.