

TRICARE Benefit for Activated Reservists Improved

As of March 10, 2003, Reservists called to active duty for more than 30 days and their family members residing in TRICARE catchment areas are eligible to enroll in TRICARE Prime. There are no enrollment fees or co-payments for family members who elect to enroll. Enrollment forms must be completed, and Military Treatment Facility or civilian network providers must be used.

Before the change, families were not eligible for TRICARE Prime unless the Reservist was called to active duty for more than 179 days. The new plan is closer to active-duty benefits.

Eligibility for TRICARE Prime Remote has also been simplified. Reservists and their families residing more than 50 miles or one hour commute from a military treatment facility will now have easy access to civilian healthcare providers under Reserve Component TRICARE Prime Remote for Active Duty Family Members.

Reservists should contact their Reserve Centers for details on how to enroll in TRICARE. Additional information is available on the TRICARE Web sites for Reservists, tricare.osd.mil/reserve/index.cfm.



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