

Newborn Policy:

Your newborn or new adopted child will be automatically covered under TRICARE Prime/ Prime Remote for Active Duty Family Members (TPRADFM) for **60 days** after the date of birth and/or adoption.

Parents/legal guardians should get their newborns registered in DEERS within 60 days of birth to establish eligibility for health care coverage.

Within this 60 day window, you should:

- Register your newborn or newly adopted child in DEERS
- Enroll your newborn or newly adopted child in TRICARE Prime or TRICARE Prime Remote for Active Duty Family Members if you wish to continue the Prime benefit coverage.
- NOTE: To ensure that your newborn and/or adopted child is covered, it's a TWO step process to have them covered under that Military Medical Program - TRICARE

Failure to enroll your child in TRICARE Prime/TPRADFM will result in TRICARE Standard coverage for your child for up to 365 days. If not enrolled in DEERS within 365 days, your child loses all TRICARE eligibility.

Registering Your Child In DEERS:

A certificate of live birth (issued by the birthing facility) and a sponsor-signed DD Form 1172 are required to get a newborn registered in DEERS. If a sponsor is unable to be present when a newborn is registered in DEERS, the sponsor's signature on the DD Form 1172 must be notarized. Present these documents at the nearest ID card facility (visit www.dmdc.osd.mil/rsl/) or unit personnel office. Families can also get assistance by calling the Defense Manpower Data Center Support Office (DSO) Telephone Center at 1-800-538-9552 or for the Deaf (TTY/TDD): 1-866-363-2883. Hours of Operation: Monday through Friday, 6 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (Pacific time), except Federal holidays.

Enrolling Your Newborn or Newly Adopted Child in TRICARE Prime/TPRADFM

Newborns are covered as TRICARE Prime beneficiaries for 60 days after birth, as long as one person in the family is enrolled in TRICARE Prime, then...

- TRICARE Prime or TPRADFM benefits end after 60 days, and future claims will process as TRICARE Standard (higher costs) until 365 days after the child's birth. On day 366, DEERS will show "loss of eligibility," and the child will no longer be able to receive TRICARE benefits.
- If a family wants to continue TRICARE Prime/TPRADFM coverage after the first 60 days following birth or adoption, the family must submit a TRICARE Prime enrollment application before the 20th of the current month to allow coverage to begin the 1st of the next month. (e.g., if an enrollment application is received August 20th, coverage begins September 1st).

- If the enrollment application is received after the 20th of the current month, coverage is not effective until the 1st of the second month (e.g., if enrollment application is received after August 21st, coverage begins October 1st, not September 1st).

A Special Note for Newborns or Newly Adopted Children Overseas

TRICARE officials in overseas locations are authorized to extend the period of coverage-without-enrollment, up to 120 days, on a case by case or regional basis.

For more information, please see [Newborn enrollment flyer](#). This link will take you to the TRICARE site to explain more about the benefits by registering your child in D.E.E.R.S. and enrolling your child into TRICARE.