

CHAPTER 8  
SECTION 1.5

PROGRAM FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (PFPWD):  
ELIGIBILITY GENERAL

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I. POLICY

A. PFPWD benefits are limited to a TRICARE eligible child or spouse of:

1. A member of one of the Uniformed Services of the United States; or
2. A former member of a Uniformed Service or the United States when the qualifying condition is the result of, or has been exacerbated by, an injury or illness resulting from physical or emotional abuse.
3. A deceased sponsor:
  - a. for a period of one calendar year from the date an active duty sponsor dies, or
  - b. through midnight of the beneficiary's twenty-first birthday when the beneficiary is receiving PFPWD benefits at the time the sponsor dies and was eligible at the time of death for receipt of hostile-fire pay or died as a result of a disease or injury incurred while eligible for such pay.

B. Eligibility for PFPWD benefits ceases as of 12:01 a.m. of the day following the day that:

1. The sponsor ceases to be an active duty member for any reason other than death; or
2. Eligibility based upon the abused family member provisions of [paragraph I.A.2.](#) above expires; or
3. Eligibility based upon the deceased sponsor provisions of [paragraph I.A.3.](#) above expires; or
4. The managed care support contractor determines that the beneficiary no longer has a PFPWD qualifying condition.
5. The contractor will notify the beneficiary in writing of the results of an eligibility determination.

II. EXCLUSION

**NATO family members are not eligible for benefits through the Program for Persons with Disabilities.**

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