

CHAPTER 9
SECTION 1.1

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR TRICARE BENEFICIARIES

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I. ISSUE

Who is **eligible** as a TRICARE beneficiary?

II. POLICY

A. An individual is considered to be eligible for TRICARE if they are shown as eligible on the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS). The DEERS record will indicate the dates of eligibility. With the following exceptions, no one who is not enrolled on DEERS is eligible for TRICARE.

1. Newborns. If the beneficiary's date of birth is within 365 days of the contractor's eligibility query to DEERS, the contractor shall consider the newborn to be eligible.

2. NATO and Partnership For Peace (PFP) Dependents. Under the terms of the NATO and the PFP Status of Forces Agreement, the United States has agreed to furnish medical and dental care to eligible dependents of active duty members of the Armed Forces of the foreign NATO and PFP Nations who are stationed in or passing through the United States if in connection with official duties. TRICARE Standard/CHAMPUS coverage for NATO and PFP dependents is limited to outpatient services only. "Passing through" does not include vacation travel within or through the United States for a NATO or PFP member or his dependents when the travel is unofficial, nor does it apply to a delay enroute when the NATO or PFP member is passing through the United States from one overseas point to another. The NATO or PFP member and his eligible dependents must be invitees of a specific United States Government or agency, and must be in the United States on official business. A NATO or PFP dependent who lives in the NATO or PFP member's home country and who comes to the United States to visit the NATO or PFP member is not eligible for TRICARE Standard/CHAMPUS. Dependents of NATO and PFP members have no eligibility outside the United States.

B. DEERS also will identify the beneficiary status (e.g., retiree, active duty dependent, etc.).

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