

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR TRICARE BENEFICIARIES

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I. ISSUE

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

II. POLICY

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. **Except for newborns, no one who is not enrolled on DEERS is eligible for TRICARE. 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.**

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