

## Eligibility Requirements For TRICARE Beneficiaries

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### 1.0 POLICY

**1.1** Individuals who are determined by the applicable Uniformed Service as meeting the TRICARE eligibility requirements under [32 CFR 199.3](#) will be shown as eligible on the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS). The DEERS record will indicate the dates of eligibility. Except for newborns, **the DEERS record must indicate the dates** eligible for TRICARE. If the **newborn** 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.

**1.2** Same-sex spouses and their family members of Uniformed Service members are eligible for TRICARE. The effective date of coverage is June 26, 2013, or the date of eligibility as reflected in DEERS, whichever is later.

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