

Chapter 10

Section 1.1

Eligibility Requirements For TRICARE Beneficiaries

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1.0 POLICY

1.1 The Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) will show individuals who are determined by the applicable Uniformed Service as meeting the TRICARE eligibility requirements under [32 CFR 199.3](#) as eligible. The DEERS record will indicate the dates of eligibility for TRICARE. See [paragraph 2.0](#) for exceptions.

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.

2.0 EXCEPTIONS

When the newborn or adoptee child of an eligible Uniformed Service sponsor is not registered in DEERS, the contractor shall consider them eligible for TRICARE if the newborn's date of birth, or the adoptee's date of adoption, is within 90 days (120 days if overseas) of the contractor's eligibility query. See [Section 3.1](#).

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