



# Children Eligibility For ID Card Benefits & Privileges

## MEDICAL CARE

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Unmarried children of active duty or retired with pay members are entitled to medical care by law until age 21 (Title 10, Section 1072, United States Code).

Students Over Age 21, but Not 23 - Students enrolled full-time in an accredited institution of higher learning, leading to an associates degree or higher, remain entitled until graduation or age 23, whichever occurs first. The sponsor must be providing over 50 percent of their support and certify the support requirement in item 89 on the DD Form 1172, Application for Uniformed Services Identification Card—DEERS Enrollment. Note: Students enrolled less than full time in two institutions of higher learning may not combine hours to qualify as full time student.

Incapacitated Children Over Age 21 - Children who become incapacitated prior to age 21 (or between 21 and 23 if enrolled as a full time student) and are incapable of self-support, remain entitled to medical care if medical sufficiency is met and the sponsor is providing over 50 percent of their support as determined by an approved dependency determination - the dependency determination is forwarded to the Defense Finance and Accounting Service, Denver Center for approval/disapproval at DFAS-PMJCBC/DE, 6760 East Irvington Place, Denver Colorado 80279; telephone (303) 676-7907..

**NOTE:** Specific references for DEERS eligibility and benefits are listed in AFI 36-3026(I), 20 Dec 02, Identification Cards for Members of the Uniformed Services, Their Family Members, and Other Eligible Personnel, and DoDI 1000.13, 5 Dec 97, Identification (ID) Cards for Members of the Uniformed Services, their Dependents, and other Eligible Individuals.

## COMMISSARY

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Children, Under and Over Age 21 - Unmarried children, under age 21, of eligible sponsors are entitled to commissary privileges if they reside in the household of the sponsor, or in one maintained by the sponsor. In addition, the sponsor must be providing over 50 percent of their support. The same holds true for children over age 21 who qualify as students or incapacitated children. Incapacitated children's residency are verified through a dependency determination.

**NOTE:** In the case of a final divorce, children residing in the household with a former spouse who is not entitled to commissary privileges, are not eligible for commissary privileges. Specific reference for access to commissary privileges for children are listed in AFI 36-3026(I), Identification Cards for Members of the Uniformed Services, Their Family Members, and Other Eligible Personnel, table A2.1., and DoDI 1000.13, 5 Dec 97, Identification (ID) Cards for Members of the Uniformed Services, their Dependents, and other Eligible Individuals. This restriction is contained in DoD 1300.17-R, Department of Defense Armed Services Commissary Regulations (ASCR) 1987 with amendments.

## BASE EXCHANGE

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Unmarried children, under age 21, are entitled to base exchange and Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) privileges if the sponsor certifies in block 89 on the DD Form 1172, that he or she is providing over 50 percent of the child's support. Children over age 21 remain entitled if qualified as a student or an incapacitated child. Incap children's support is verified through a dependency determination.

**NOTE:** Specific reference for access to MWR for personnel are listed in DoDI 1015.10, 3 Nov 95, Programs for Military Morale, Welfare, and Recreation (MWR), E3. Enclosure 3, pg. 25, paras E3.1., E3.2.1., and pg. 26, para E3.2.2.