

## IMPORTANT TRICARE ANNOUNCEMENT

### ENROLLING A NEWBORN IN TRICARE PRIME

Congratulations on the birth of your baby! As a TRICARE Prime family, your newborn will automatically receive TRICARE Prime coverage during the first 120 days of life.\* This benefit is designed to provide you with adequate time to complete the enrollment process.

By following the steps outlined below, you and your family can be assured of continuing health care coverage for your newborn and can direct your energy to the many new changes ahead.

1. Call your local base personnel office to find out what documentation (either a certificate of live birth or birth certificate) you will need to have your newborn enrolled in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS).\*\*
2. Register your baby in DEERS. Your baby is then **automatically** covered under TRICARE Prime for the first 120 days\* after birth if:
  - you are active duty or your child will be an active duty dependent.
  - you are retired and any member of your family is enrolled in Prime.

(This coverage does not include newborns of dependent daughters or sons.)

Humana Military Healthcare Services (HMHS) uses the mother's available prenatal information and initial newborn claim information to contact and inform the new parent(s) of the process to complete the baby's enrollment.

3. Complete a TRICARE Prime new enrollment or change form indicating your newborn's name, date of birth, address and Primary Care Manager (PCM) choice, and mail it to HMHS at the address indicated on the form. If you are choosing a PCM (pediatrician) for your baby who is outside the Military Treatment Facility (MTF), the PCM must be in the HMHS network. Visit the TRICARE Service Center or call 1-800-444-5445 to obtain a provider directory.

You will receive a TRICARE Prime ID card when your newborn's enrollment is processed. If the addition of your newborn changes your Prime enrollment status from single to family coverage, we will notify you of any additional fee that is due for non-active duty beneficiaries.

If you do not register your newborn in DEERS and submit an enrollment or change form within 120 days, claims for services provided to your baby after 120 days will be processed under the TRICARE Standard or Extra option. Newborns not registered in DEERS after 365 days will lose TRICARE eligibility until DEERS registration is accomplished.

Your baby is considered Prime if born into a family with TRICARE Prime coverage. If you do not wish your child to be enrolled in Prime, you must notify HMHS in writing or call 1-800-444-5445 for a Newborn Coverage Release Form.

If you have questions about the newborn enrollment process, stop by your local TRICARE Service Center, call the Beneficiary Service Line at 1-800-444-5445 or contact a Health Benefits Advisor at your MTF.

\* Assuming your eligibility continues.

\*\* To verify DEERS information, Call 1-800-538-9552

