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Military Health System 2021 Changes to TRICARE Select for Group A Retirees



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Before We Begin



Do you use TRICARE For Life, TRICARE Prime, or a Premium-Based Plan?

If so, this change won't affect you. This information is for you only if you're enrolled in TRICARE Select.

Want to check your plan's costs? Visit www.tricare.mil/costs.

For more information on TRICARE For Life, visit www.tricare.mil/tfl.

Agenda



Welcome and Opening Remarks

Moderator: Ms. Kathleen Lovito, AAFMAA Webinar Producer

Mr. Mark Ellis, Chief, Policy and Programs Section, Health Plan Design Branch, TRICARE Health Plan, DHA

- TRICARE Select Changes for Group A Retirees Effective Jan. 1, 2021
- Key Points
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TRICARE Select Changes for Group A Retirees Effective Jan. 1, 2021



Congress directed the Defense Health Agency to implement TRICARE Select Group A retiree enrollment fees in the 2017 National Defense Authorization Act.

- Effective Jan. 1, 2021, most Group A retired beneficiaries will be required to pay TRICARE Select enrollment fees. Group A are defined as all beneficiaries whose sponsors initially enlisted or was appointed in a Uniformed Service before Jan. 1, 2018.
- About 1.2 million retirees and family members were automatically enrolled in TRICARE Select on Jan. 1, 2018, when TRICARE Standard ended (no enrollment fees required at that time).
- Group B, initially enlisted or appointed on or after Jan. 1, 2018, already pay enrollment fees.

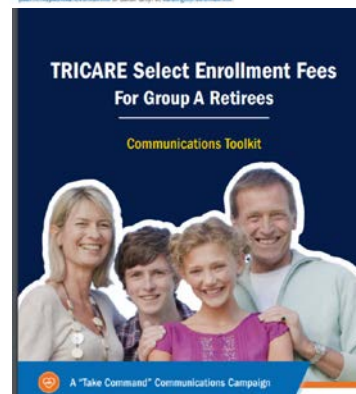


Key Dates:

Date	Phases and Objectives	Notes (all notes are on health.mil)
10/01 - 4/01/21	Phase One: Awareness and Education	Notice 1: 10/01/21 New TRICARE Select Fee for Group A retirees. Notice 2: 4/01/21 Phase One: Awareness and Education. New TRICARE Select Fee for Group A retirees. 4/01/21 - 4/01/21. New TRICARE Select Fee for Group A retirees. 4/01/21 - 4/01/21.
5/01/21 - 10/01/21	Phase Two: Call to Action: Make Choices About Your Future	Notice 3: 05/01/21 Group One: New TRICARE Select Fee for Group A retirees. Beneficiaries will be required to pay an enrollment fee on Jan. 1, 2021. 05/01/21 - 10/01/21. Group One: New TRICARE Select Fee for Group A retirees. Beneficiaries will be required to pay an enrollment fee on Jan. 1, 2021. 05/01/21 - 10/01/21.
1/01/22 - 1/01/22	Phase Three: Enrollment and Re-enrollment	Notice 4: 01/01/22 Phase Three: Enrollment and Re-enrollment. Beneficiaries will be required to pay an enrollment fee on Jan. 1, 2021. 01/01/22 - 01/01/22. Phase Three: Enrollment and Re-enrollment. Beneficiaries will be required to pay an enrollment fee on Jan. 1, 2021. 01/01/22 - 01/01/22.

More Information:

For questions regarding the Military Health System's New TRICARE Select Fee for Group A retirees, communications sought or if you have problems accessing any of the materials, please contact Paul Fitzpatrick at pauf@hhs.gov or Sarah Green at sarah.green@hhs.gov.



TRICARE Select Changes for Group A Retirees Effective Jan. 1, 2021



	Prior to Jan. 1, 2021	Eff. Jan. 1, 2021
Enrollment Fee (Per Month)		
Individual	\$0	\$12.50
Two or More	\$0	\$25.00
Deductible (Annual)		
Individual	\$150	\$150
Family	\$300	\$300
Family Catastrophic Cap (Annual)	\$3,000	\$3,500
Note: Rates as of Jan. 1, 2021 are annually adjusted by the retiree cost of living allowance		

- These TRICARE Select changes do not apply to:
 - ❑ Retirees medically retired from a Uniformed Service (10 U.S.C. Chapter 61) and family members
 - ❑ Survivors of members who die while on active duty

Key Points



- **Group A retirees and family members must establish a TRICARE Select fee payment plan through their regional contractor, to start on Jan. 1, 2021.**
 - Establishing an enrollment fee payment via monthly allotment through a defense pay center is required, where feasible.
 - Payment via EFT/credit/debit account is allowed.
- **Failure to establish a payment plan before Jan. 1, 2021, requires termination of existing TRICARE Select coverage effective December 31, 2020.**
- Those disenrolled will receive a disenrollment letter and instructions how to reinstate TRICARE Select coverage within 180 days of disenrollment.
- Beneficiaries who fail to reinstate coverage within 180 days will only be authorized care at a military medical treatment facilities on a space-available basis.
- Re-enrollment is only possible during the following Open Season or if a member of the family experiences a Qualifying Life Event.
- Learn more at <https://www.tricare.mil/selectenrollmentfees>.

TRICARE Open Season



Open Season Begins Nov. 9 and runs through Dec. 14, 2020

What's Different This Year?

There is a call to action! Most Group A retirees currently enrolled in TRICARE Select must:

- Enroll in or change health plans during Open Season.
 - **Even if you're already enrolled in TRICARE Select, you need to take action.**
- Establish enrollment-fee payment through allotment, where feasible, via EFT, credit, or debit-card withdrawal.
- Learn more about Open Season at <https://www.tricare.mil/openseason>.

NOTE: Group A retirees currently enrolled in TRICARE Select cannot set up an allotment through Beneficiary Web Enrollment (BWE). Contact your regional contractor to provide your fee payment information (see following slides for contact information).

TRICARE Stateside Regions



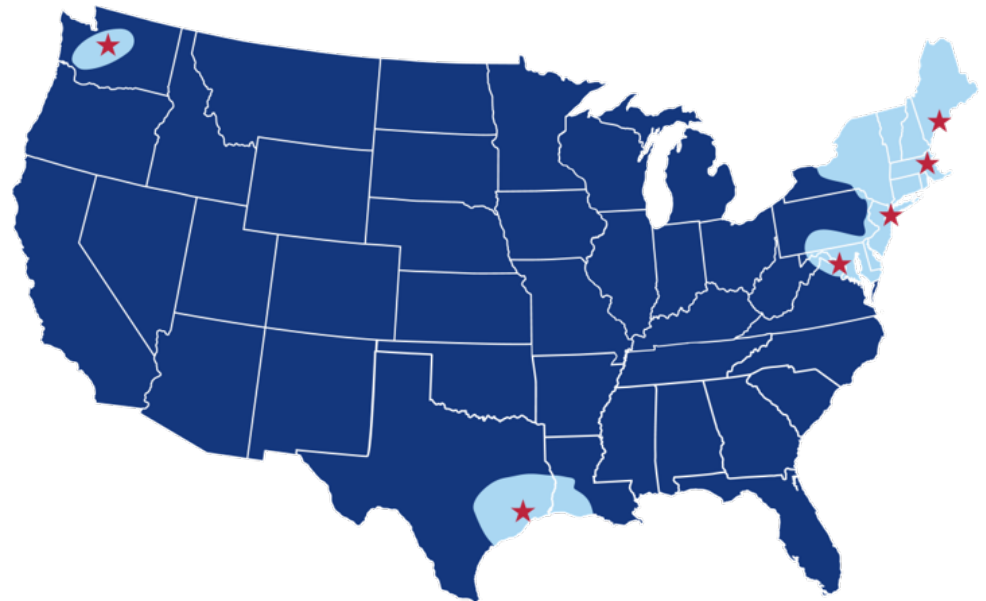
- Two TRICARE regions in the U.S.:
TRICARE East and TRICARE West
- **EAST Region**
Humana Military
800-444-5445
<https://www.humanamilitary.com>
<http://www.tricare-east.com>
- **WEST Region**
Health Net Federal Services, LLC
844-866-WEST, 844-866-9378
<http://www.tricare-west.com>



US Family Health Plan



- **US Family Health Plan:**
Available only in certain areas
800-74-USFHP, 800-748-7347
<https://www.tricare.mil/usfhp>
<http://www.usfhp.com>



TRICARE Overseas Program



- **International SOS Government Services, Inc.**, administers the TRICARE Overseas Program benefit.
- There is one overseas region divided into three geographic areas:
 - Eurasia-Africa
 - Latin America and Canada
 - Pacific
- For toll-free, country-specific contact information, visit <http://www.tricare-overseas.com/contact-us>



- **TRICARE Website**
<https://www.tricare.mil>
- **TRICARE Overseas Program Website**
<http://www.tricare-overseas.com>

Beneficiary Communications



TRICARE Select Group A retirees will receive a letter and a postcard explaining the action you need to take during Open Season 2020.

A postcard for TRICARE Open Season 2020. On the left is a photograph of a smiling man with a beard and mustache, wearing a grey button-down shirt, with his arms crossed. To his right, the text "TRICARE" is in small letters above "OPEN SEASON 2020" in large, bold letters. Below this, a green banner says "Open Season: Nov. 9 - Dec. 14". The main body of the postcard is dark blue with white and yellow text. It states: "Starting Jan. 1, 2021, TRICARE Select Group A retirees will have to pay a monthly enrollment fee." followed by two bullet points: "For an individual plan, you'll pay \$12.50 per month." and "For a family plan, you'll pay \$25.00 per month." Below these, it says: "If you want to keep your TRICARE Select coverage for you and your family, you **must** take action. If you don't act, you'll be disenrolled from TRICARE Select. Then, you'll only be able to get care from a military hospital or clinic. You **must** take action now to set up a monthly payment plan. Call your regional contractor. You may be required to pay 2-3 months of enrollment fees in advance." At the bottom, it says "Learn more at www.tricare.mil/SelectEnrollmentFees2020." In the bottom right corner is the TRICARE logo. A small vertical text "PC4060101200" is on the right edge. At the very bottom, in small letters, it says "TRICARE is a registered trademark of the Department of Defense, Defense Health Agency. All rights reserved."

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OPEN SEASON 2020

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Keep DEERS Up to Date!



- All TRICARE eligibility is based on the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System, or DEERS.
- Being able to use TRICARE depends on you keeping your information up to date in DEERS. Learn more at <https://www.tricare.mil/deers>.
- Use these options to update your information in DEERS:
 - Go to an ID card office. Find an office at <https://idco.dmdc.osd.mil/idco>.
 - Log in to milConnect at <https://milconnect.dmdc.osd.mil>.
 - Call the Defense Manpower Data Center, or DMDC, at 800-538-9552, TTY/TDD: 866-363-2883.
 - Fax updates to DMDC at 800-336-4416.

Note: For enrollment concerns, call your TRICARE regional contractor. Find contact information at <https://www.tricare.mil/regions>.

Keep Up with TRICARE News and Information



- TRICARE Coronavirus Guidance
<https://www.tricare.mil/coronavirus>
- TRICARE Changes
<https://www.tricare.mil/changes>
- TRICARE News
<https://www.tricare.mil/news>
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