

IDENTIFICATION (ID) CARD REQUIREMENTS FOR MEDICAL CARE & SERVICES

To obtain military benefits, members and dependents must have a valid "Uniformed Services Identification and Privilege Card" identification (ID) card. To use TRICARE health care program benefits, you must have a valid military ID card and be listed in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) database. The ID card states on the back, in the "Medical" block, whether you are eligible for medical care from military or civilian sources. When seeking medical care for yourself or your child, you will be asked to show your ID card. You will also be asked to verify that your personal information (address and phone number) is correct in the electronic military medical record system.

The Naval Health Clinic (NHC) will ask to see the ID card of anyone over the age of 10 who presents for medical care, including an appointment, immunizations, etc. Children under age 10 can generally use a parent's or guardian's ID card, but they must be registered in DEERS. According to the Department of Defense Instruction 1000.13, when a child reaches age 10 years the sponsor must obtain an ID card for the child. Children under age 10 should have an ID card of their own when in the custody of a parent or guardian who is not eligible for TRICARE benefits. ID cards can be obtained from PSD NAS, 22268 Cedar Point Road, Bldg. 409.

Please ensure you have your ID card with you whenever you present for a medical appointment or visit the pharmacy to have prescriptions filled. If you or your child (age 10 years or older), present s for a medical appointment without a valid card, care may be provided. However, the invalid ID card will be confiscated and you will be required to fill out a form which requires that you to return to the NHC Patient Administration department within 30 days with a new valid ID card, otherwise you will be billed for the medical visit. For more information, please contact the Naval Health Clinic Health Benefits Advisor, Jane Hambel, at 301-995-4980 or visit the Naval Health Clinic website at <http://www.med.navy.mil/sites/paxriver/Pages/index.aspx>.