

NEWBORN ENROLLMENT IN DEERS AND TRICARE

Important Information for Mothers-to-be

Your newborn's health care will be covered under TRICARE Prime rules for the first 60 days after birth even though the newborn has not been officially enrolled in TRICARE Prime. This 60 day period after your baby's birth gives you time to register your newborn in DEERS and make a choice of health care coverage. If you decide to officially enroll your newborn in TRICARE Prime, **you must do the enrollment by the 60th day after the baby's birth.** Otherwise, the child will automatically be considered a TRICARE Standard beneficiary on the 61st day.

Here's what you should do during the 60-day period after baby's birth:

1. Register your newborn in DEERS.

This can be done through the unit personnel office or the nearest Uniformed Services ID card facility. For DEERS registration on base, please to go to the PSD office located at 22268 Cedar Point Rd. Building 409 Room 116. Phone: 301-342-1054. Hours of operation: Monday-Friday 0730-1500. Simply registering your newborn in DEERS does not enroll them in TRICARE Prime even though other family members are enrolled. You must complete and submit an enrollment form to complete the process (see 2. below).

You will need to bring a certificate of live birth (issued by the birthing facility) and have the sponsor sign the DD Form 1172 (issued by our PSD office on base). If the sponsor is unable to be present to register the newborn in DEERS, he/she may sign the DD Form 1172 and have it notarized.

2. Decide about Enrolling your newborn in TRICARE Prime.

After you have completed the DEERS registration, you have the option to enroll your newborn in TRICARE Prime. The Prime benefit offers quality care at the lowest out-of pocket cost. The TRICARE Service Center will assist you with the enrollment process. It is located on base in the Naval Health Clinic near the quarterdeck and accepts walk in beneficiaries only-no phone calls. Hours of operation: Monday-Friday 0800-1700. Forms can be obtained from the TRICARE Service Center or the web site www.hnfs.com.

If you do not enroll your newborn in TRICARE Prime by the 60th day after birth, your child will automatically be considered a TRICARE Standard beneficiary on day 61. This means you will be responsible for paying higher out of pocket costs associated with your child's care.

As a TRICARE beneficiary, you are responsible to keep up to date and follow the rules and regulations regarding TRICARE policy and benefits, especially before seeking care from a civilian provider, or you may face significant bills.

There are numerous resources available to you. You may visit the TRICARE Service Center located here in the clinic, call 1-877-TRICARE, or visit <http://www.tricareonline.com/> or www.healthnetfederalservices.com.

Please follow these instructions to enroll your newborn in DEERS and TRICARE, register in our Medical Records Department and schedule your first appointment. Please do this as soon as possible. Newborns should be seen within 2-3 days of discharge from the hospital.

1. St. Mary's Hospital, Calvert Memorial Hospital, Civista Medical Center, Southern Maryland Hospital Center, other civilian and Military hospitals will give you a card or form that has your baby's name and birth date on it.
2. Please bring this information to the PSD office on base to start the newborn DEERS enrollment. Your newborn will be assigned a "pseudo/temporary" Social Security number for administrative purposes. Please remember this number. You need it to register your newborn in Medical Records at the NHC Patuxent River.
3. After you have completed the DEERS enrollment at PSD, please go to the TRICARE Service Center located in the Naval Health Clinic near the Quarterdeck where you can enroll your newborn into TRICARE PRIME and choose a Primary Care Provider. Our TRICARE Service Center will be able to give you a current list of available Primary Care Providers. After your newborn's enrollment is completed, please register your baby in our Medical Records Department.
4. To schedule a routine or urgent appointment for your newborn, please call our appointment line at 301-342-1506 for assistance.
5. When you receive your newborn's official Birth Certificate and Social Security card in the mail, you must return to PSD to update the DEERS enrollment. Failure to do so might affect your ability to make future appointments.