

When You Retire....



There are so many things to plan when you're getting ready to retire. One such thing should be your health benefits and what will change when your status changes from active duty to retired. The transition will be smooth if you follow these guidelines.

Approximately 30 days prior to your retirement date, you will need to report to the TRICARE Service Center

and speak with a Beneficiary Services Representative. At that time, you will change your family's status from active duty dependent to retired dependent and enroll yourself as a retiree.



You must also begin to pay your enrollment fee. Annual fees are \$230 per person or \$460 for two or more individuals to include an entire family, no matter which region they choose to live in.

If you enroll prior to the 20th of the current month, your enrollment will be effective as of the first of the next month. However, if you enroll after the 20th of the current month, your enrollment will not be effective until the first of the second month following.

Example:

Enrollment paperwork submitted

12 September
23 September

Enrollment effective date

01 October
01 November

So don't wait until the last minute. Make a note to visit the TRICARE Service Center on the first floor of Naval Hospital Pensacola to ensure that there will be no break in you or your family's healthcare coverage.

**The TRICARE
Service Center
(1-800-444-5445)**

