

UPDATE DEERS WITH INFORMATION ABOUT OTHER HEALTH INSURANCE



Have you checked your DEERS (Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System) lately? It is important that you keep information for you and off your family current to ensure TRICARE eligibility.

Go to: www.tricare.mil/deers

If you are Active Duty, you cannot use any other health insurance. TRICARE is your only coverage.

If you are enrolled in an employer-sponsored health plan or a private insurance program other than TRICARE, you have what is called “other health insurance” or OHI.

TRICARE supplements do not qualify as other health insurance. By law, TRICARE pays after all other OHI except for Medicaid, TRICARE supplements, State Victims of Crime Compensation Programs, the Indian Health Service and other programs identified by the Director, Defense Health Agency.

Medicare is not considered OHI – it is a federal entitlement. TRICARE pays last after Medicare and any other OHI. Visit www.medicare.gov to see which plan – Medicare or your OHI – pays first.

In addition to DEERS, keep other health information updated: tell your TRICARE contractor and doctors when you have OHI. They can help coordinate your benefits and ensure your claims are processed quickly and correctly.