# Understanding the TRICARE Q L E S

# How to Update DEERS

# You Have a Qualifying Life Event ... Now What?

When you experience a qualifying life event—or QLE—you can make a change to your plan or enroll in a new plan.

To get started, just remember, there are...

## Two Steps:

- Update DEERS
- Make Changes to your TRICARE Plan

In most cases, you'll have **90 days** to complete your enrollment change, but some QLEs give you a little extra time.



## **Step One: Updating DEERS**

The Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System—DEERS—is a database of uniformed service personnel and family members who are eligible for benefits, including TRICARE.



## **Adding/Removing Family Members**

**Only sponsors** can add or remove family members.

- Find your **local RAPIDS** site (ID card office)
- 2 Set up an appointment
- Bring all required paperwork



## Updating Addresses and Other Contact Information

Sponsors and family members can update contact information.

- Online: www.dmdc.osd.mil/milconnect/
- Phone: 1-800-538-9522 (TTY/TDD: 1-866-363-2883)
- Fax: 1-800-336-4416 (Primary) 1-502-335-9980 (Alternate)
- Mail: Defense Manpower Data Center
  Support Office
  Attn: COA

400 Gigling Road Seaside, CA 93955-6771

## Step Two: Make Changes To Your TRICARE Plan

You can **make changes** to your current plan or **switch to a new plan**.

## TRICARE Prime®



TRICARE Select®

- Online: www.dmdc.osd.mil/milconnect/
- Download and Mail the Enrollment Form. If switching to TRICARE Prime, you'll also need to select a primary care manager as part of the enrollment process. To learn more, visit www.TRICARE.mil/enroll.
- Call your Regional Contractor:



#### **TRICARE East**

Humana Military East: 1-800-444-5445

### **TRICARE** West

Health Net West: 1-844-866-9378

## **TRICARE** Overseas

International SOS: www.tricare-overseas.com/contactus

For more information, visit www.tricare.mil/DEERS.

