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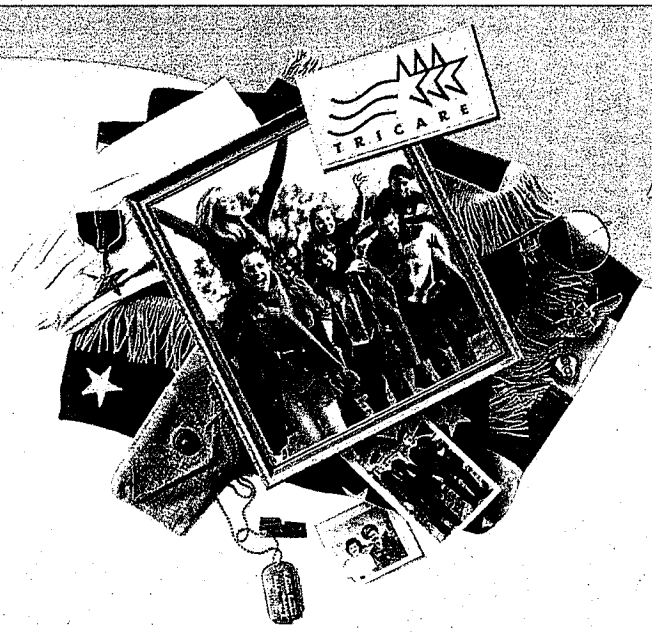

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The TRICARE Young Adult (TYA) program is a premium-based health care plan available for purchase by qualified dependents. TYA offers TRICARE Standard coverage worldwide, and TRICARE Prime coverage will be available for purchase at a later date. TYA includes medical and pharmacy benefits, but excludes dental coverage.

Who Is Eligible?

If you are an adult-age dependent, you may purchase TYA coverage based on the eligibility established by your uniformed service sponsor and where you live. **Note:** Special eligibility conditions may exist.

You may purchase TYA coverage if you are all of the following:

- A dependent of an eligible uniformed service sponsor*
- Unmarried
- At least age 21 (*or age 23 if enrolled in a full-time course of study at an approved institution of higher learning and if the sponsor provides at least 50 percent of the financial support*), but have not yet reached age 26
- Not eligible to enroll in an employer-sponsored health plan as defined in TYA regulations
- Not otherwise eligible for TRICARE program coverage

* *If you are an adult child of a non-activated member of the Selected Reserve of the Ready Reserve or of the Retired Reserve, your sponsor must be enrolled in TRICARE Reserve Select or TRICARE Retired Reserve for you to be eligible to purchase TYA coverage.*

Purchasing TRICARE Young Adult

TYA offers open enrollment, so if you qualify, you may purchase coverage at any time. The *TRICARE Young Adult Application* is available on the Beneficiary Web Enrollment (BWE) Web site. Initially, only a fillable form will be available via BWE. You can complete the form online, print it, and deliver your completed application and initial premium payment to a TRICARE Service Center or mail it to your regional contractor. The form is also available for download from your regional contractor's Web site and **www.tricare.mil**. When applying, you must verify that you are not married and not eligible to enroll in an employer-sponsored health plan.

Your completed application must include the first three months of premium payments, paid by personal check, cashier's check, money order, or credit/debit card. After the initial three-month payment, premiums must be paid in advance by monthly automated payment. **Note:** If you are not already in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS), your sponsor must add you to the system before starting the application process.

Enrollment in TRICARE Young Adult

After enrolling in TYA, you and your sponsor will need to visit a uniformed services identification (ID) card issuing facility to obtain an ID card for you. You must bring two forms of ID—one must be an unexpired government-issued ID card containing a picture. After your application and payment are received, TRICARE Standard coverage will begin the first day of the following month.

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Retroactive Coverage

You may purchase TRICARE Standard coverage retroactively back to January 1, 2011, or back to the date you become eligible for coverage. All premiums must be paid back to that date in order to be reimbursed. Beneficiaries who may want to purchase retroactive coverage should keep receipts for care received to get reimbursed for covered services. The opportunity to purchase retroactive coverage ends on September 30, 2011. **Note:** Retroactive coverage is limited to the TRICARE Standard benefit only.

Covered Services

At first, the TYA benefit only includes TRICARE Standard. The TYA benefit will expand to other TRICARE programs (*e.g., TRICARE Prime*) at a later date. TYA coverage includes medical and pharmacy, but excludes dental. TYA enrollees are eligible for care at military treatment facilities on a space-available basis. TYA is only available for individuals and is not offered as a family plan. For more information, visit **www.tricare.mil/coveredservices.**

Ending TRICARE Young Adult Coverage

Choosing to End Coverage

You may choose to end TYA coverage at any time by completing the fields related to terminating coverage on the *TRICARE Young Adult Application* and submitting it to your regional contractor. If you decide to end TYA coverage, you will be locked out from purchasing TYA coverage for one year from the date of termination. There will be no lockout if the coverage is terminated because you gain access to employer-sponsored coverage.

Nonpayment

Your premium payment is due no later than the last day of the month for the next month's coverage. Failure to pay total premium amounts due and any insufficient fund fees owed will result in a termination of coverage. A 12-month TYA purchase lockout will go into effect.

Change in Status

Your sponsor must always report all family and status changes to DEERS.

Your TYA coverage ends when any of the following occurs:

- You reach age 26
- You get married
- You become eligible for an employer-sponsored health plan as defined in TYA regulations
- You gain other TRICARE coverage
- You lose eligibility because your sponsor ends TRICARE coverage

For Information and Assistance

For more information on how to purchase TYA, please visit **www.tricare.mil/TYA**. E-alerts about benefit changes and updates are available by searching TRICARE Young Adult under "benefit updates" at **www.tricare.mil/subscriptions.**

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