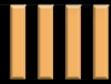




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DoD Makes Changes to Qualifications for TRICARE Reserve

Every member of the selected reserve now have the option to purchase their health coverage from TRICARE.

Health coverage for selected reserve members who want TRICARE Reserve Select (TRS) and complete all the required steps begins Oct. 1, 2006.

The new TRS program eligibility determination period runs from July 1 through Sept. 25.

Selected reserve members must work with their service personnel offices to determine which one of three TRS tiers they qualify for. They must have their eligibility verified by their service personnel office and complete the Department of Defense Form 2895, "Agreement to Serve in the Selected Reserve for TRICARE Reserve Select" before they can submit their application to purchase TRS coverage.

Only qualified selected reserve members may submit an enrollment form with the first month's premium payment to purchase coverage. Service members can review TRS program eligibility requirements at www.defenselink.mil/ra/.

For additional information about the TRS benefit for members of the selected reserve, including open enrollment dates for TRS tiers two and three, visit www.tricare.osd.mil/reserve/reserveselect/index.cfm.

