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## INTRODUCTION

This guide details the TRICARE begin dates for eligible populations identified in DoD Manual (DoDM) 1000.13, Volume 1, “DoD Identification (ID) Cards: ID Card Life-Cycle,” and DoDM 1000.13, Volume 2, “DoD ID Cards: Benefits for Members of the Uniformed Services, Their Dependents, and Other Eligible Individuals.” Please refer to DoDM 1000.13, Volume 2, for eligibility requirements.

The tables within this guide identify the TRICARE begin date rules for eligible personnel and dependents, as they are stored in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS). If there is a conflict between these guidelines and the manual, the provisions in the Manual take precedence.

When there appears to be a choice of two or more begin dates within this guide, the latest begin date takes precedence.

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# **SECTION 1: ACTIVE DUTY MEMBERS OF THE UNIFORMED SERVICES**

When there appears to be a choice of two or more begin dates within this guide, the latest begin date takes precedence. Active Duty members of the uniformed services, and their dependents, have TRICARE begin dates as follows:

Table 1. Active Duty Members, Not Including National Guard or Reserve Members

	TRICARE Begin Date
Member (Self)	1
Note: 1. The date the member begins active duty, as identified by the authoritative data feed from the uniformed service.	

Table 2. Dependents of Active Duty Members

	TRICARE Begin Date
Spouse	1, 2, 3
Child, Unmarried, Under 21 Years	
Legitimate Child	1, 4
Adopted Child	1, 5
Stepchild	1, 6, 7
Illegitimate Child	1, 8
Ward	1, 9
Foster Child	None
Pre-adoptive Child	1, 10
Child, Unmarried, 21 Years and Over	
Legitimate Child	1, 11, 12
Adopted Child	1, 5, 11, 12
Stepchild	1, 6, 7, 11, 12
Illegitimate Child	1, 8, 11, 12
Ward	1, 9, 11, 12
Pre-adoptive Child	1, 10, 11, 12
Parent, Parent-in-Law, Stepparent, Parent-by-Adoption	None

Notes:

1. The date the member begins active duty, as identified by the authoritative data feed from the uniformed service.
2. The date of marriage, as identified on the marriage certificate.
3. The effective date of the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) repeal (June 26, 2013), when the date of the marriage as identified on the marriage certificate is before June 26, 2013, if applicable.
4. The date of birth, as identified on the birth certificate.
5. The date of adoption, as identified on the adoption decree.
6. The date of marriage between the stepchild's parent and the sponsor, as identified on the marriage certificate.
7. The effective date of the DOMA repeal (June 26, 2013), when the date of the marriage between the stepchild's parent and the sponsor as identified on the marriage certificate is before June 26, 2013, if applicable.
8. The date of paternity, as identified on the court document, on the amended birth certificate, or on the State voluntary acknowledgement of paternity (VAP) form.
9. The date placed in the legal custody of the sponsor as a result of a court document, as identified on the court document.
10. The date placed in the custody of the sponsor as a result of a placement agreement or court document, indicating the intent to adopt, as identified on the placement agreement or court document.
11. The date of enrollment as a full-time student, if aged 21-23 years old, as identified on the letter from the school registrar.
12. The date of the incapacitation as identified on the medical sufficiency statement.

## **SECTION 2: NATIONAL GUARD AND RESERVE MEMBERS OF THE UNIFORMED SERVICES**

When there appears to be a choice of two or more begin dates within this guide, the latest begin date takes precedence. National Guard and Reserve members of the uniformed services have TRICARE begin dates as follows:

Table 3. National Guard and Reserve Members

	TRICARE Begin Date
Member (Self)	1, 2
Notes: 1. The date the member begins a period of active duty greater than 30 consecutive days, as identified by the authoritative data feed from the uniformed service or by the member's DD Form 220, "Active Duty Report." 2. The date of qualification, up to 180 days before beginning a period of active duty if issued delayed-effective active duty orders for more than 30 days in support of a contingency operation, as identified by the authoritative data feed from the uniformed service or by the member's DD Form 220, designating delayed-effective orders.	

Table 4. Dependents of National Guard and Reserve Members

	TRICARE Begin Date
Spouse	1, 2, 3
Child, Unmarried, Under 21 Years	
Legitimate Child	1, 4
Adopted Child	1, 5
Stepchild	1, 6, 7
Illegitimate Child	1, 8
Ward	1, 9
Foster Child	None
Pre-adoptive Child	1, 10
Child, Unmarried, 21 Years and Over	
Legitimate Child	1, 4, 11, 12
Adopted Child	1, 5, 11, 12
Stepchild	1, 6, 7, 11, 12
Illegitimate Child	1, 8, 11, 12
Ward	1, 9, 11, 12
Pre-adoptive Child	1, 10, 11, 12
Parent, Parent-in-Law, Stepparent, Parent-by-Adoption	None

Notes:

1. The date the member begins a period of active duty greater than 30 consecutive days, as identified by the authoritative data feed from the uniformed service or by the member's DD Form 220. Dependents of members on active duty for less than 30 days are not eligible for TRICARE benefits.
2. The date of marriage, as identified on the marriage certificate.
3. The effective date of the DOMA repeal (June 26, 2013), when the date of the marriage as identified on the marriage certificate is before June 26, 2013, if applicable.
4. The date of birth, as identified on the birth certificate.
5. The date of adoption, as identified on the adoption decree.
6. The date of marriage between the stepchild's parent and the sponsor, as identified on the marriage certificate.
7. The effective date of the DOMA repeal (June 26, 2013), when the date of the marriage between the stepchild's parent and the sponsor as identified on the marriage certificate is before June 26, 2013, if applicable.
8. The date of paternity, as identified on the court document, on the amended birth certificate, or on the State VAP form.
9. The date placed in the legal custody of the sponsor as a result of a court document, as identified on the court document.
10. The date placed in the custody of the sponsor as a result of a placement agreement or court document, indicating the intent to adopt, as identified on the placement agreement or court document.
11. The date of enrollment as a full time student, if aged 21-23 years old, as identified on the letter from the school registrar.
12. The date of the incapacitation as identified on the medical sufficiency statement.



### **SECTION 3: FORMER UNIFORMED SERVICES MEMBERS**

When there appears to be a choice of two or more begin dates within this guide, the latest begin date takes precedence. Former members of the uniformed services have TRICARE begin dates as follows:

Table 5. Former Members, not yet in Receipt of Retired Pay, and Dependents

	TRICARE Begin Date
Former Member (Self)	None
Dependent	None

Table 6. Former Members, in Receipt of Retired Pay, and Dependents

	TRICARE Begin Date
Former Member (Self)	1, 2
Spouse	1, 2, 3, 4
Child, Unmarried, Under 21 Years	
Legitimate Child	1, 5
Adopted Child	1, 6
Stepchild	1, 7, 8
Illegitimate Child	1, 9
Ward	1, 10
Foster Child	None
Pre-adoptive Child	1, 11
Child, Unmarried, 21 Years and Over	
Legitimate Child	1, 2, 5, 12, 13
Adopted Child	1, 2, 6, 12, 13
Stepchild	1, 2, 7, 8, 12, 13
Illegitimate Child	1, 2, 9, 12, 13
Ward	1, 2, 10, 12, 13
Pre-adoptive Child	1, 2, 11, 12, 13
Parent, Parent-in-Law, Stepparent, Parent-by-Adoption	None

Notes:

1. The date the member is in receipt of retired pay, as identified by the authoritative data feed from the uniformed service or by the member's DD Form 214, "Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty."
2. The date of enrollment into Medicare Part B, supplemental medical insurance, if entitled to Medicare Part A, hospital insurance, and enrolled in Medicare Part B, supplemental medical insurance. If awarded Medicare on appeal, TRICARE begin date is the effective date of the retroactive determination, as identified by the authoritative data feed from the uniformed service or by the member's DD Form 214, in accordance with Section 1086(d) of Title 10, U.S.C.
3. The date of marriage, as identified on the marriage certificate.
4. The effective date of the DOMA repeal (June 26, 2013), when the date of the marriage as identified on the marriage certificate is before June 26, 2013, if applicable.
5. The date of birth, as identified on the birth certificate.
6. The date of adoption, as identified on the adoption decree.
7. The date of marriage between the stepchild's parent and the sponsor, as identified on the marriage certificate.
8. The effective date of the DOMA repeal (June 26, 2013), when the date of the marriage between the stepchild's parent and the sponsor as identified on the marriage certificate is before June 26, 2013, if applicable.
9. The date of paternity, as identified on the court document, on the amended birth certificate, or on the State VAP form.
10. The date placed in the legal custody of the sponsor as a result of a court document, as identified on the court document.
11. The date placed in the custody of the sponsor as a result of a placement agreement or court document, indicating the intent to adopt, as identified on the placement agreement or court document.
12. The date of enrollment as a full time student, if aged 21-23 years old, as identified on the letter from the school registrar.
13. The date of the incapacitation as identified on the medical sufficiency statement.

**SECTION 4: RETIRED MEMBERS OF THE UNIFORMED SERVICES**

When there appears to be a choice of two or more begin dates within this guide, the latest begin date takes precedence. Retired members of the uniformed services, including Voluntary Retired Members, Retired Reserve Members, and those on the Permanent Disability Retired List (PDRL) and on the Temporary Disability Retired List (TDRL) have TRICARE begin dates as follows:

Table 7. Voluntary Retired and PDRL Members

	TRICARE Begin Date
Member (Self)	1, 2
Notes: 1. The member's first day of retirement, as identified by the authoritative data feed from the uniformed service or by the member's DD Form 214, if the member is: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not entitled to Medicare part A, hospital insurance, through the Social Security Administration (SSA); or,</li> <li>Entitled to Medicare Part A, hospital insurance and enrolled in Medicare Part B medical insurance or qualified as an exception in accordance with section 706 of Public Law (PL) 111-84 (Reference (i)).</li> </ol> 2. The date of eligibility if awarded Medicare on appeal, as identified by the authoritative data feed from the uniformed service or by the member's DD Form 214, in accordance with Section 1086(d) of Title 10, United States Code (U.S.C).	

Table 8. TDRL Members

	TRICARE Begin Date
Member (Self)	1
Note: 1. The member's first day of TDRL retirement, as identified by the authoritative data feed from the uniformed service or by the member's DD Form 214.	

Table 9. Retired Reserve Members

	TRICARE Begin Date
Member (Self)	1
Note: 1. The member's first day with Retired Reserve status, as identified by the authoritative data feed from the uniformed service or by the member's DD Form 214, if age 60 or older. If under age 60, no TRICARE authorized.	

Table 10. Retired Reserve Members Ordered to Active Duty Greater Than 30 Days

	TRICARE Begin Date
Member (Self)	1, 2
Notes: 1. The date the member begins a period of active duty for greater than 30 consecutive days, as identified by the authoritative data feed from the uniformed service or by the member's DD Form 220. 2. The date of qualification, up to 180 days before beginning a period of active duty, if issued delayed-effective active duty orders for more than 30 days in support of a contingency operation, as identified by the authoritative data feed from the uniformed service, or by the member's DD Form 220, designating delayed-effective orders.	

Table 11. Non-Regular Service Retirement for Qualifying Ready Reserve Members

	TRICARE Begin Date
Member (Self)	1, 2

Notes:

1. The member's first day of retirement, as identified by the authoritative data feed from the uniformed service or by the member's DD Form 214, if the member is:
  - a. Not entitled to Medicare part A, hospital insurance, through the SSA; or,
  - b. Entitled to Medicare Part A, hospital insurance, and enrolled in Medicare Part B, supplemental medical insurance.
2. The date of eligibility if awarded Medicare on appeal, as identified by the authoritative data feed from the uniformed service or by the member's DD Form 214, in accordance with Section 1086(d) of Title 10, U.S.C.

Table 12. Dependents of Retired Uniformed Service Members

	TRICARE Begin Date
Spouse	1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Child, Unmarried, Under 21 Years	
Legitimate Child	1, 6
Adopted Child	1, 7
Stepchild	1, 8, 9
Illegitimate Child	1, 10
Ward	1, 11
Foster Child	None
Pre-adoptive Child	1, 12
Child, Unmarried, 21 Years and Over	
Legitimate Child	1, 5, 6, 13, 14
Adopted Child	1, 5, 7, 13, 14
Stepchild	1, 5, 8, 9, 13, 14
Illegitimate Child	1, 5, 10, 13, 14
Ward	1, 5, 11, 13, 14
Pre-adoptive Child	1, 5, 12, 13, 14
Parent, Parent-in-Law, Stepparent, Parent-by-Adoption	None

Notes:

1. The member's first day of retirement, as identified by the authoritative data feed from the uniformed service or by the member's DD Form 214, if the member is:
  - a. Not entitled to Medicare part A, hospital insurance, through the SSA; or,
  - b. Entitled to Medicare Part A, hospital insurance, and enrolled in Medicare Part B, supplemental medical insurance.
2. The member's date of eligibility if awarded Medicare on appeal, as identified by the authoritative data feed from the uniformed service or by the member's DD Form 214, in accordance with Section 1086(d) of Title 10, U.S.C.
3. The date of marriage, as identified on the marriage certificate.
4. The effective date of the DOMA repeal (June 26, 2013), when the date of the marriage as identified on the marriage certificate is before June 26, 2013, if applicable.
5. The date of enrollment into Medicare Part B, supplemental medical insurance, if entitled to Medicare Part A, hospital insurance, and enrolled in Medicare Part B, supplemental medical insurance.
6. The date of birth, as identified on the birth certificate.
7. The date of adoption, as identified on the adoption decree.
8. The date of marriage between the stepchild's parent and the sponsor, as identified on the marriage certificate.
9. The effective date of the DOMA repeal (June 26, 2013), when the date of the marriage between the stepchild's parent and the sponsor as identified on the marriage certificate is before June 26, 2013, if applicable.
10. The date of paternity, as identified on the court document, on the amended birth certificate, or on the State VAP form.
11. The date placed in the legal custody of the sponsor as a result of a court document, as identified on the court document.
12. The date placed in the custody of the sponsor as a result of a placement agreement or court document, indicating the intent to adopt, as identified on the placement agreement or court document.
13. The date of enrollment as a full time student, if aged 21-23 years old, as identified on the letter from the school registrar.
14. The date of the incapacitation as identified on the medical sufficiency statement.

**SECTION 5: MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENTS**

When there appears to be a choice of two or more begin dates within this guide, the latest begin date takes precedence. Medal of Honor (MOH) recipients and their dependents are eligible for TRICARE after October, 30, 2000, per Section 1074(h) of Title 10, U.S.C. MOH recipients and their dependents have TRICARE begin dates as follows:

Table 13. MOH Recipients and Dependents

	TRICARE Begin Date
Member (Self)	1, 2
Spouse	1, 2, 3, 4
Child, Unmarried, Under 21 Years	
Legitimate Child	1, 5
Adopted Child	1, 6
Stepchild	1, 7, 8
Illegitimate Child	1, 9
Ward	1, 10
Foster Child	None
Pre-adoptive Child	1, 11
Child, Unmarried, 21 Years and Over	
Legitimate Child	1, 5, 12, 13
Adopted Child	1, 6, 12, 13
Stepchild	1, 7, 8, 12, 13
Illegitimate Child	1, 9, 12, 13
Ward	1, 10, 12, 13
Pre-adoptive Child	1, 11, 12, 13
Parent, Parent-in-Law, Stepparent, Parent-by-Adoption	None

Notes:

1. The date the member separates from active duty or retires, as identified by the authoritative data feed from the uniformed service or by the member's DD Form 214.
2. The date of enrollment into Medicare Part B, supplemental medical insurance, if entitled to Medicare Part A, hospital insurance, and enrolled in Medicare Part B, supplemental medical insurance.
3. The date of marriage, as identified on the marriage certificate.
4. The effective date of the DOMA repeal (June 26, 2013), when the date of the marriage as identified on the marriage certificate is before June 26, 2013, if applicable.
5. The date of birth, as identified on the birth certificate.
6. The date of adoption, as identified on the adoption decree.
7. The date of marriage between the stepchild's parent and the sponsor, as identified on the marriage certificate.
8. The effective date of the DOMA repeal (June 26, 2013), when the date of the marriage between the stepchild's parent and the sponsor as identified on the marriage certificate is before June 26, 2013, if applicable.
9. The date of paternity, as identified on the court document, on the amended birth certificate, or on the State VAP form.
10. The date placed in the legal custody of the sponsor as a result of a court document, as identified on the court document.
11. The date placed in the custody of the sponsor as a result of a placement agreement or court document, indicating the intent to adopt, as identified on the placement agreement or court document.
12. The date of enrollment as a full-time student, if aged 21-23 years old, as identified on the letter from the school registrar.
13. The date of the incapacitation as identified on the medical sufficiency statement.

**SECTION 6: DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS**

When there appears to be a choice of two or more begin dates within this guide, the latest begin date takes precedence. 100 percent Disabled American Veterans (DAVs) are eligible for health care under Department of Veterans Affairs' Civilian Health and Medical Program and are not authorized for TRICARE.

Table 14. 100 Percent DAVs and their Dependents

	TRICARE Begin Date
Member (Self)	None
Dependent	None



**SECTION 7: TRANSITIONAL HEALTH CARE MEMBERS**

When there appears to be a choice of two or more begin dates within this guide, the latest begin date takes precedence. Transitional Health Care (THC) members have TRICARE begin dates as follows:

Table 15. THC Members and their Dependents

	TRICARE Begin Date
Member (Self)	1, 2
Spouse	1, 2, 3, 4
Child, Unmarried, Under 21 Years	
Legitimate Child	1, 5
Adopted Child	1, 6
Stepchild	1, 7, 8
Illegitimate Child	1, 9
Ward	1, 10
Foster Child	None
Pre-adoptive Child	1, 11
Child, Unmarried, 21 Years and Over	
Legitimate Child	1, 5, 12, 13
Adopted Child	1, 6, 12, 13
Stepchild	1, 7, 8, 12, 13
Illegitimate Child	1, 9, 12, 13
Ward	1, 10, 12, 13
Pre-adoptive Child	1, 11, 12, 13
Parent, Parent-in-Law, Stepparent, Parent-by-Adoption	None

Notes:

1. The day after the member separates from the qualifying period of active duty, as identified by the authoritative data feed from the uniformed service or by the member's DD Form 214.
2. The date of enrollment into Medicare Part B, supplemental medical insurance, if entitled to Medicare Part A, hospital insurance, and enrolled in Medicare Part B, supplemental medical insurance.
3. The date of marriage, as identified on the marriage certificate.
4. The effective date of the DOMA repeal (June 26, 2013), when the date of the marriage as identified on the marriage certificate is before June 26, 2013, if applicable.
5. The date of birth, as identified on the birth certificate.
6. The date of adoption, as identified on the adoption decree.
7. The date of marriage between the stepchild's parent and the sponsor, as identified on the marriage certificate.
8. The effective date of the DOMA repeal (June 26, 2013), when the date of the marriage between the stepchild's parent and the sponsor as identified on the marriage certificate is before June 26, 2013, if applicable.
9. The date of paternity, as identified on the court document, on the amended birth certificate, or on the State VAP form.
10. The date placed in the legal custody of the sponsor as a result of a court document, as identified on the court document.
11. The date placed in the custody of the sponsor as a result of a placement agreement or court document, indicating the intent to adopt, as identified on the placement agreement or court document.
12. The date of enrollment as a full-time student, if aged 21-23 years old, as identified on the letter from the school registrar.
13. The date of the incapacitation as identified on the medical sufficiency statement.

## **SECTION 8: SURVIVING DEPENDENTS**

When there appears to be a choice of two or more begin dates within this guide, the latest begin date takes precedence. Surviving dependents of deceased uniform Service members have TRICARE begin dates as follows:

Table 16. Surviving Dependents of Deceased Active Duty Members

	TRICARE Begin Date
Unremarried Widow/Widower	1, 2
Child, Unmarried, Under 21 Years	
Legitimate Child	1, 3
Adopted Child	1, 4
Stepchild	1
Illegitimate Child	1, 5
Ward	1
Foster Child	None
Pre-adoptive Child	1
Child, Unmarried, 21 Years and Over	
Legitimate Child	1, 2, 6, 7
Adopted Child	1, 2, 4, 6, 7
Stepchild	1, 2, 6, 7
Illegitimate Child	1, 2, 5, 6, 7
Ward	1, 2, 6, 7
Pre-adoptive Child	1, 2, 6, 7
Parent, Parent-in-Law, Stepparent, Parent-by-Adoption	None
Notes: 1. The date of the sponsor's death, as indicated on the death certificate, if an eligible dependent at the time of death. 2. The date of enrollment into Medicare Part B, supplemental medical insurance, if entitled to Medicare Part A, hospital insurance, and enrolled in Medicare Part B, supplemental medical insurance. 3. The date of birth, as indicated on the birth certificate, if the sponsor's child was born after the sponsor's death. 4. The date of adoption, as indicated on the adoption decree, if the sponsor pursued the adoption with the intent to adopt before the sponsor's death. 5. The date of paternity, if assigned after the sponsor's death, as indicated on the court document. 6. The date of enrollment as a full-time student, if aged 21-23 years old, as identified on the letter from the school registrar. 7. The date of the incapacitation as identified on the medical sufficiency statement.	

Table 17. Surviving Dependents of Deceased National Guard and Reserve Members, on Active Duty for a Period Greater than 30 Days

	TRICARE Begin Date
Unremarried Widow/Widower	1, 2
Child, Unmarried, Under 21 Years	
Legitimate Child	1, 3
Adopted Child	1, 4
Stepchild	1
Illegitimate Child	1, 5
Ward	1
Foster Child	None
Pre-adoptive Child	1
Child, Unmarried, 21 Years and Over	
Legitimate Child	1, 2, 6, 7
Adopted Child	1, 2, 4, 6, 7
Stepchild	1, 2, 6, 7
Illegitimate Child	1, 2, 5, 6, 7
Ward	1, 2, 6, 7
Pre-adoptive Child	1, 2, 6, 7
Parent, Parent-in-Law, Stepparent, Parent-by-Adoption	None
Notes: 1. The date of the sponsor's death, as indicated on the death certificate, if an eligible dependent at the time of death. 2. The date of enrollment into Medicare Part B, supplemental medical insurance, if entitled to Medicare Part A, hospital insurance, and enrolled in Medicare Part B, supplemental medical insurance. 3. The date of birth, as indicated on the birth certificate, if the sponsor's child was born after the sponsor's death. 4. The date of adoption, as indicated on the adoption decree, if the sponsor pursued the adoption with the intent to adopt before the sponsor's death. 5. The date of paternity, if assigned after the sponsor's death, as indicated on the court document. 6. The date of enrollment as a full-time student, if aged 21-23 years old, as identified on the letter from the school registrar. 7. The date of the incapacitation as identified on the medical sufficiency statement.	

Table 18. Surviving Dependents of Deceased National Guard and Reserve Members, not on Active Duty for a Period Greater than 30 Days

	TRICARE Begin Date
Dependent	None

Table 19. Surviving Dependents of Deceased National Guard and Reserve Members in Receipt of their Notice of Eligibility, Retired Reserve Members Not Yet Age 60, and Former Members Not In Receipt of Retired Pay

	TRICARE Begin Date
Dependent	None

Table 20. Surviving Dependents of Deceased Uniformed Services Retirees and Deceased MOH Recipients

	TRICARE Begin Date
Unremarried Widow/Widower	1, 2
Child, Unmarried, Under 21 Years	
Legitimate Child	1, 3
Adopted Child	1, 4
Stepchild	1
Illegitimate Child	1, 5
Ward	1
Foster Child	None
Pre-adoptive Child	1
Child, Unmarried, 21 Years and Over	
Legitimate Child	1, 2, 6, 7
Adopted Child	1, 2, 4, 6, 7
Stepchild	1, 2, 6, 7
Illegitimate Child	1, 2, 5, 6, 7
Ward	1, 2, 6, 7
Pre-adoptive Child	1, 2, 6, 7
Parent, Parent-in-Law, Stepparent, Parent-by-Adoption	None
Notes: 1. The date of the sponsor's death, as indicated on the death certificate, if an eligible dependent at the time of death. 2. The date of enrollment into Medicare Part B, supplemental medical insurance, if entitled to Medicare Part A, hospital insurance, and enrolled in Medicare Part B, supplemental medical insurance. 3. The date of birth, as indicated on the birth certificate, if the sponsor's child was born after the sponsor's death. 4. The date of adoption, as indicated on the adoption decree, if the sponsor pursued the adoption with the intent to adopt before the sponsor's death. 5. The date of paternity, if assigned after the sponsor's death, as indicated on the court document. 6. The date of enrollment as a full-time student, if aged 21-23 years old, as identified on the letter from the school registrar. 7. The date of the incapacitation as identified on the medical sufficiency statement.	

Table 21. Surviving Dependents of 100 Percent DAVs

	TRICARE Begin Date
Dependent	None

**SECTION 9: ABUSED DEPENDENTS**

When there appears to be a choice of two or more begin dates within this guide, the latest begin date takes precedence. Abused dependents of uniformed Service members have TRICARE begin dates as follows:

Table 22. Abused Dependents of Retirement-Eligible Uniformed Service Members

	TRICARE Begin Date
Spouse	1, 2
Child, Unmarried, Under 18 Years Legitimate, adopted, stepchild	1
Child, Unmarried, 18 Years and Over Legitimate, adopted, stepchild	1, 2, 3, 4
Notes: 1. The date the dependent became eligible under Section 1408(h) of Title 10, U.S.C, as identified on the service-approved DD Form 2698, "Application for Transitional Compensation." 2. The date of enrollment into Medicare Part B, supplemental medical insurance, if entitled to Medicare Part A, hospital insurance, and enrolled in Medicare Part B, supplemental medical insurance. 3. The date of enrollment as a full-time student, if aged 18-23 years old, as identified on the letter from the school registrar. 4. The date of the incapacitation, if incapacitation existed before age 18 or occurred before age 23 while a full-time student, as identified on the medical sufficiency statement.	

Table 23. Abused Dependents of Non-Retirement-Eligible Uniformed Service Members

	TRICARE Begin Date
Spouse	1, 2
Child, Unmarried, Under 18 Years Legitimate, adopted, stepchild	1
Child, Unmarried, 18 Years and Over Legitimate, adopted, stepchild	1, 2, 3, 4
Notes: 1. The date the dependent became eligible under Section 706 of Public Law 108-375, as identified on the service-approved DD Form 2698. 2. The date of enrollment into Medicare Part B, supplemental medical insurance, if entitled to Medicare Part A, hospital insurance, and enrolled in Medicare Part B, supplemental medical insurance. 3. The date of enrollment as a full-time student, if aged 18-23 years old, as identified on the letter from the school registrar. 4. The date of the incapacitation, if incapacitation existed before age 18 or occurred before age 23 while a full-time student, as identified on the medical sufficiency statement.	

**SECTION 10: FORMER SPOUSES**

When there appears to be a choice of two or more begin dates within this guide, the latest begin date takes precedence. Unremarried former spouses of uniformed Service members have TRICARE begin dates as follows. Remarried and unmarried former spouses are not authorized TRICARE benefits.

Table 24. 20/20/20 Former Spouses of Active Duty Members, and Regular and Non-Regular Retired Members at Age 60

	TRICARE Begin Date
Unremarried Former Spouse	1, 2
Notes: 1. The date of the final divorce decree, dissolution, or annulment of the marriage, as indicated on the court document terminating the marriage. 2. The date of enrollment into Medicare Part B, supplemental medical insurance, if entitled to Medicare Part A, hospital insurance, and enrolled in Medicare Part B, supplemental medical insurance.	

Table 25. 20/20/20 Former Spouses of a National Guard Member, Reserve Member, or Retired Reserve Member Under Age 60

	TRICARE Begin Date
Unremarried Former Spouse	1
Note: 1. The date the sponsor is ordered to active duty for a period greater than 30 days, as identified by the member's DD Form 220.	

Table 26. 20/20/15 Former Spouse of Active Duty Members, and Regular and Non-Regular Retired Members at Age 60

	TRICARE Begin Date
Unremarried Former Spouse	1, 2
Notes: 1. The date of the final decree of divorce, dissolution, or annulment of the marriage, as indicated on the court document terminating the marriage. 2. The date of enrollment into Medicare Part B, supplemental medical insurance, if entitled to Medicare Part A, hospital insurance, and enrolled in Medicare Part B, supplemental medical insurance.	

Table 27. 20/20/15 Former Spouses of a Retired Reserve Member Under Age 60

	TRICARE Begin Date
Unremarried Former Spouse	1
Note: 1. The date the sponsor is ordered to active duty for a period greater than 30 days, as identified by the member's DD Form 220.	

# **SECTION 11: CIVILIAN PERSONNEL**

When there appears to be a choice of two or more begin dates within this guide, the latest begin date takes precedence. Civilian personnel are not authorized TRICARE. For the purpose of this document, civilian personnel include the following categories:

- DoD and non-DoD Government Agency civilians in the United States, and when stationed and residing outside the United States and outside United States Territories and Possessions;
- DoD Outside the Continental United States (OCONUS) hires;
- Full-time paid personnel of the Red Cross;
- United Service Organizations (USO) area executives, center directors, and assistant directors;
- United Seaman’s Service (USS) Personnel;
- Military Sealift Command (MSC) Personnel;
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Ship Officers and Members;
- Officers and Crews of Vessels, Lighthouse Keepers, and Depot Keepers of the Former Lighthouse Service;
- Presidential Appointees;
- Contract surgeons overseas; and,
- State Guard employees.

Table 28. Civilian Personnel and Dependents

	TRICARE Begin Date
Sponsor (Self)	None
Dependent	None



**SECTION 12: RETIRED CIVILIAN PERSONNEL**

When there appears to be a choice of two or more begin dates within this guide, the latest begin date takes precedence. Retired civilian personnel are not authorized TRICARE and therefore do not have TRICARE begin dates.

Table 29. Retired DoD Civilian Employees

	TRICARE Begin Date
Individual (Self)	None

Table 30. Retired NOAA Wage Mariner Employees and Dependents

	TRICARE Begin Date
Sponsor (Self)	None
Dependent	None

### **SECTION 13: FOREIGN AFFILIATES**

When there appears to be a choice of two or more begin dates within this guide, the latest begin date takes precedence. Foreign affiliates have TRICARE begin dates as follows.

**Table 31. Sponsored and Non-Sponsored North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and Partnership for Peace (PFP) personnel and Accompanying Dependents in the United States**

	TRICARE Begin Date
Sponsor (Self)	None
Spouse	1
Child, Unmarried, Under 21 Years	
Legitimate Child	1
Adopted Child	1
Stepchild	1
Illegitimate Child	1
Ward	None
Foster Child	None
Pre-adoptive Child	None
Child, Unmarried, 21 Years and Over	
Legitimate Child	1
Adopted Child	1
Stepchild	1
Illegitimate Child	1
Parent, Parent-in-Law, Stepparent, Parent-by-Adoption	None
Note:	
1. The begin date of the sponsor's invitational orders.	

**Table 32. Sponsored Non-NATO personnel and Accompanying Dependents in the United States**

	TRICARE Begin Date
Sponsor (Self)	None
Dependent	None

**Table 33. NATO, PFP, and non-NATO personnel and Accompanying Dependents Outside the United States and Outside the United States Territories and Possessions**

	TRICARE Begin Date
Sponsor (Self)	None
Dependent	None

**Table 34. Korean Augmentation to the U.S. Army**

	TRICARE Begin Date
Individual (Self)	None

Table 35. Foreign National Civilians and Contractors

	TRICARE Begin Date
Foreign National Civilian (Self)	None
Foreign National Contractor (Self)	None

**SECTION 14: GLOSSARY**

**PART I. ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS**

CAC	Common Access Card
DAV	Disabled American Veteran
DEERS	Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System
DoDD	DoD Directive
ID	Identification
MOH	Medal of Honor
MSC	Military Sealift Command
NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NATO	North Atlantic Treaty Organization
OCONUS	Outside the Continental United States
PFP	Partnership for Peace
SSA	Social Security Administration
TDRL	Temporary Disability Retired List
THC	Transitional Health Care
U.S.C.	United States Code
USO	United Service Organizations
USS	United Seaman's Service

**PART II. DEFINITIONS**

See DoDM 1000.13, Volume 2, "DoD ID Cards: Benefits for Members of the Uniformed Services, Their Dependents, and Other Eligible Individuals."