

Take Command: TRICARE Open Season Begins Nov. 12

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2018 Open Season:
November 12 - Monday
December 10 - Monday
[NOV. 12 - DEC. 10]

TRICARE is implementing an open season for enrollment. You can switch to TRICARE Prime or TRICARE Select or switch plans during TRICARE Open Season or after a Qualifying Life Event (QLE). The TRICARE Reserve Select Program (TRS) is ending on Dec. 31. Many TRICARE eligible beneficiaries will qualify for the Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Program (FEDVIP).

I am (an)...	I want to Change My TRICARE Plan	I want to Enroll in a FEDVIP Vision Plan	I want to Enroll in a FEDVIP Dental Plan
Active Duty Service Member	You can only change plans if you're enrolling. As retirement coverage ends. Learn about your options and what to do at www.tricare.mil/retire .	You do not qualify to purchase a FEDVIP vision plan. You will continue to get your vision care from your military hospital or clinic.	You do not qualify to purchase a FEDVIP dental plan. You will continue to get your dental care from your military hospital or clinic.
Active Duty Family Member	You can change plans during the 2018 TRICARE Open Season. <small>Headquarters and overseas activities are limited. Read here.</small>	You do not qualify to purchase a FEDVIP dental plan. You can get your dental care through the TRICARE Dental Program.	You do not qualify to purchase a FEDVIP dental plan. You can get your dental care through the TRICARE Dental Program.
Reserve Component Member or Family Member enrolled in TRICARE Reserve Select	No action needed. This doesn't apply to you.	You must enroll during Federal Benefits Open Season.	You do not qualify to purchase a FEDVIP dental plan. You can get your dental care through the TRICARE Dental Program.
Retired Service Member or Family Enrolled in TRICARE Prime®, TRICARE Select®	You can change plans during the 2018 TRICARE Open Season.	You must enroll during Federal Benefits Open Season.	TRIP ends Dec. 31, 2018. You must enroll in a FEDVIP dental plan during Federal Benefits Open Season to maintain coverage.
Retired Service Member or Family Member using TRICARE For Life	No action needed. This doesn't apply to you.	You must enroll during Federal Benefits Open Season.	TRIP ends Dec. 31, 2018. You must enroll in a FEDVIP dental plan during Federal Benefits Open Season to maintain coverage.

To learn more about TRICARE Open Season, visit www.tricare.mil/openseason. For all descriptions of FEDVIP plan and coverage options, visit www.tricare.mil/benefits.

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Do you want to make enrollment changes to your or your family member's TRICARE plan for 2019? Your chance is around the corner during [TRICARE Open Season](#).

Open season is an annual period when you can enroll in or change your health care coverage plan for the next year. TRICARE beneficiaries will experience Open Season for the first time Nov. 12–Dec 10, 2018. TRICARE Open Season will happen each year from the Monday of the second full week in November to the Monday of the second full week in December. Enrollment choices made during this period take effect on Jan. 1.

During TRICARE Open Season, you may enroll in or change your [TRICARE Prime](#) or [TRICARE Select](#) plan. Any changes you make take effect on Jan. 1, 2019. If you remain eligible and make no changes during TRICARE Open Season, you'll stay in the same plan for 2019. You may also change your type of enrollment, for example switching from individual to family enrollment.

Outside of the TRICARE Open Season period, you may still enroll in or

change enrollment within 60 days after you or a family member experiences a [Qualifying Life Event](#) (QLE).

Whether during TRICARE Open Season or following a QLE, you have three ways to make an enrollment choice:

- Online: Go to the [Beneficiary Web Enrollment website](#)
- By phone: Call your [regional contractor](#)
- By mail: Mail your [enrollment form](#) to your regional contractor

TRICARE Open Season doesn't apply to the premium-based plans listed below. These plans offer continuous open enrollment throughout the year:

- [TRICARE Retired Reserve](#)
- [TRICARE Reserve Select](#)
- [TRICARE Young Adult](#)
- [Continued Health Care Benefit Program](#)

Also, TRICARE Open Season doesn't apply to [TRICARE For Life](#). TRICARE For Life doesn't require enrollment.

Sign up on the [TRICARE website](#) for updates about TRICARE Open Season. Look for more information this fall at <http://www.tricare.mil/openseason>.

This is your benefit. Take command of your health and prepare for TRICARE Open Season.