

DoD to maintain commitment to health while restructuring military hospitals, clinics

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Dunham US Army Health Clinic anticipates no changes to family member and retiree benefits in the near term.



Fillmore Army Health Clinic outpatient facility will transition to an Active Duty only with Occupational Health clinic (AD/OH).

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Restructuring Military Hospitals and Clinics

The Department of Defense has transmitted its report in response to Section 703(d) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017 to Congress.

The report details plans for restructuring 50 military hospitals and clinics, including 19 Army military treatment facilities, across 13 different states, to maximize medical facility contributions to warfighting readiness, while keeping our solemn obligation to provide outstanding health care to our beneficiaries.

DoD will make these changes in a deliberate, phased fashion, in some cases over a period of up to **five** years, ensuring that every one of our beneficiaries continues to have uninterrupted access to quality health care,

though the location of that care may change.

Nothing is changing immediately; our commitment to your health is not changing!

While the location where you receive care may change, we will provide you with access to quality health care. When we are confident of our community's access to providers, we will begin transitioning individuals to the civilian TRICARE provider network.

In the months ahead, the Military Health System (MHS) plans a number of activities to help facilitate the transition of affected beneficiaries to civilian providers and will develop detailed implementation plans for each military treatment facility to govern the pace of transitions and support our patients throughout the process.

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Active Duty Family Members (ADFM) will be enrolled as necessary to round out the physician panels and maintain readiness. All base support functions and pharmacy workload supporting all beneficiaries will be maintained.

Note: No changes were recommended for Dunham Army Health Clinic..

What is this mean to the beneficiaries?

1. Nothing is changing immediately and normal operations will continue until further notice. You will continue to see your current provider and use MTF services.
2. We will help guide you through every step of the enrollment change process when the time for action arrives.
3. Our commitment to your health care is not changing and we will continue to provide you with access to quality health care.

4. DoD must adapt the military health system to focus more on readiness of the combined force, while continuing to meet our access to health care obligations for active duty families, retirees and their families. With a challenging array of threats around the world, we need our military medical facilities to keep combat forces healthy and prepare our medical personnel to support them.

The MHS is an essential element in carrying out the National Defense Strategy and in caring for 9.5 million troops, retirees and family members. The best thing we can do for the future of the MHS is to deliver on the core readiness mission while offering access to health care for our beneficiaries in the most effective way possible. The bottom line for our patients is we will help them through the enrollment change process when the time for action arrives.

Although the location where you receive care may change, we will provide you with access to quality health care. When we are confident of our community's access to providers, we will begin transitioning individuals to the civilian TRICARE provider network.

We're not there yet, but we will connect with every individual once facility plans are developed. Until then, operations will continue as normal. When we have more details in place, we'll be eager to share them.