

TRICARE & You Blog

TRICARE Coverage During the Government Shutdown

Coast Guard members and their dependents will continue to have both medical and dental coverage during the current government shutdown. Coast Guard members who pay premiums and fees via allotments will not be disenrolled from their health care plan during the shutdown. Any unpaid premiums and fees will be recouped following the shutdown. Coast Guard members who pay via electronic funds transfer (EFT) or recurring credit/debit card charges will continue to have these funds drawn, so those members are encouraged to ensure their accounts can withstand those withdrawals.

Active Duty

Active Duty Coast Guard members and their dependents will continue to have both medical and dental coverage during the current government shutdown. Any unpaid premiums and fees will be recouped following the shutdown through their regular allotment payments.

Reservists

Reserve members enrolled in TRICARE Reserve Select (TRS) or TRICARE Retired Reserve (TRR) will also continue to have medical coverage, however those plans are paid via electronic funds transfer (EFT) or a recurring credit/debit card charge. EFTs and recurring credit/debit card charges will continue to be drawn, so members are encouraged to ensure enough funds are in their accounts to support the continued payments.

Retired

Coast Guard retirees will continue to have medical coverage. Any premiums that are paid through allotments will be recouped following the shutdown. Members who have dental and vision coverage through FEDVIP will also continue to be covered during the government shutdown. However, with FEDVIP enrollees, BENEFEDS will generate a bill for premiums when no payment is received for two consecutive pay periods. The enrollee should pay premiums directly billed to them on a timely basis to ensure continuation of coverage.

Dependents

Coast Guard dependents will continue to have medical and dental coverage during the government shutdown. United Concordia will continue to process dental care claims for enrolled TRICARE Dental Plan members, and uncollected premiums will be recouped through allotments once the shutdown is resolved. Dependents who are enrolled in TRICARE Select will have to pay their cost shares and copays per normal routine.

Further Guidance

For further guidance regarding questions on the government shutdown, please visit <https://www.dcms.uscg.mil/budget/>