

# **Unwed Mothers**

- An unwed, pregnant dependent daughter is eligible for TRICARE benefits, including maternity care, until age 21 (or 23, if a full-time student). The newborn, however, will *not* be eligible for TRICARE unless:
  - The newborn's father is a service member and registers the baby in DEERS, or
  - The unwed mother's sponsor legally adopts the child

## Secretary of the Navy Designee

- The Secretary of the Navy may authorize certain individuals not otherwise eligible by law, including newborns of unmarried dependent daughters, to receive health care on a space-available basis in Navy military treatment facilities in the United States
- Such designation does not create entitlement to civilian care at government expense
- Contact the NMCP Secretary of the Navy Designee Office (757-953-7754) or a Health Benefit Advisor for information about the program and how to apply

### **Paternity**

- If paternity is an issue, testing should be done as soon as possible after birth
- Paternity establishment forms are available from the hospital admission office
- Contact a Legal Department or law office for guidance

Paternity testing is NOT covered by TRICARE and is not performed at any military treatment facility

Any testing done is at the patient's expense

#### **NMCP** Health Benefits

Building 3, 3rd Floor; Mon-Fri, 7 a.m.—3:30 p.m. (757) 953-2610/2611

#### **NMCP TRICARE Service Center**

Health Net Federal Services
Building 249 (next to parking garage)
Mon—Fri, 7:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m.
1-(877) 874-2273



#### Appointments & Specialty Referral Status

Hampton Roads Appointment Center Mon—Fri, 6 a.m.—8 p.m. S, S & Holidays, 7 a.m.—3:30 p.m. 1-(866) 645-4584

#### To Schedule a Presentation

TRICARE Operations—Marketing (757) 953-6153/6048