

Inviting a Health Care Provider to Become TRICARE-Authorized

If you would like to see a health care provider who does not currently accept TRICARE patients, TRICARE encourages you to print out the handout on the next page and give it to him or her. The handout explains the benefits of being a TRICARE-authorized provider and includes information about the authorization process.

Providers who are interested in attaining authorized status should follow the instructions in the handout. Please remember, if you see a provider who is not eligible for TRICARE authorization, you will be responsible for the full cost of care. For more information, visit www.tricare.mil/findaprovider.

TRICARE is always eager to welcome new providers who provide excellent care for our nation's heroes and their families—and you, as the beneficiary, are TRICARE's best recruiter.

Becoming a TRICARE-Authorized Provider

TRICARE invites you to serve America’s heroes and their families by participating in the TRICARE program. TRICARE is the health care plan for the nation’s 9.6 million uniformed services members, retirees, and families.

- TRICARE is an industry leader in timely claims processing; close to 100 percent of correctly filed claims are paid within 30 days, and all are paid within 60 days.
- TRICARE regional contractors provide administrative support, including quick, reliable assistance through dedicated contact phone numbers and resources.

You do not have to join the TRICARE network in order to see TRICARE beneficiaries, but you must become TRICARE-authorized. Most providers with a valid professional license (*issued by a state or a qualified accreditation organization*) can become TRICARE-authorized. It’s easy! Begin the process or get more information by:

- Visiting www.tricare.mil/providers
- Calling the regional contractor for the region where your office is located (*see below*)

TRICARE North Region	TRICARE South Region	TRICARE West Region
Health Net Federal Services, LLC 1-877-TRICARE (1-877-874-2273) www.hnfs.com	Humana Military, a division of Humana Government Business 1-800-444-5445 Humana-Military.com	UnitedHealthcare Military & Veterans 1-877-988-WEST (1-877-988-9378) www.uhcmilitarywest.com
The TRICARE North Region includes Connecticut, Delaware, the District of Columbia, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky (<i>excluding the Fort Campbell area</i>), Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin, portions of Iowa (<i>Rock Island Arsenal area</i>), and Missouri (<i>St. Louis area</i>).	The TRICARE South Region includes Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky (<i>Fort Campbell area only</i>), Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Texas (<i>excluding the El Paso area</i>).	Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Iowa (<i>excluding the Rock Island Arsenal area</i>), Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri (<i>excluding the St. Louis area</i>), Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas (<i>the southwestern corner, including El Paso</i>), Utah, Washington, and Wyoming

Once you become TRICARE authorized, make sure your office staff knows you accept TRICARE. Beneficiaries often ask friends or neighbors for provider recommendations, and they will call your office to see if you accept TRICARE.

We hope you will partner with TRICARE to deliver world-class health care to America’s heroes and their families.

Becoming a TRICARE Network Provider

If you desire a closer working relationship with TRICARE, you may apply to become a TRICARE network provider. Contact the TRICARE regional contractor in your area.