

TRICARE OVERSEAS PROGRAM (TOP) - PRIME AND STATUS CHANGES

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I. POLICY

A. When a **beneficiary's** TRICARE eligibility status changes, eligibility for TRICARE Overseas Program (TOP) Prime benefits **may** also change.

B. When TRICARE eligibility ends, eligibility for TOP Prime ceases.

C. For **TOP Prime eligible** active duty family members, single enrollment can be changed to family at any time during the TOP enrollment period. A new TOP enrollment period shall be established for the family.

D. In cases of a change from single status to family based on the birth of a child or adoption, the new family member of the TOP Prime enrollee will be considered enrolled as of the day of birth or adoption and given up to 120 days to decide whether to continue TOP Prime or disenroll the child. **During the first 120 days the contractor shall consider the newborn as enrolled. If the child/newborn is not enrolled in Prime by the 121st day, the child/newborn reverts to Standard. For newborns and newly adopted children who are enrolled under this provision, Point of Service cost-sharing does not apply through the 120th day or until an enrollment decision is made by a responsible representative, whichever is earlier. All services shall be processed under TOP Prime even in the absence of referrals or authorizations.**

NOTE: The automatic enrollment in TOP Prime of a new family member does not apply in the case of a reservist who has **not** been called to active duty for a period of **more** than 30 days, since the **family members** of the reservist are not eligible to enroll in TOP Prime.

E. TOP **ADFM** enrollees may disenroll **from** TOP Prime if the enrollee is moving **from** OCONUS **to** CONUS or is a **demobilized reservist**.

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