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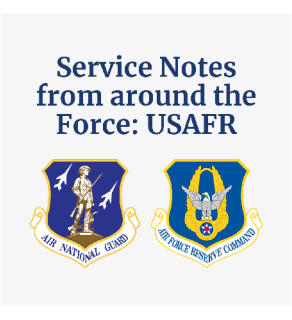

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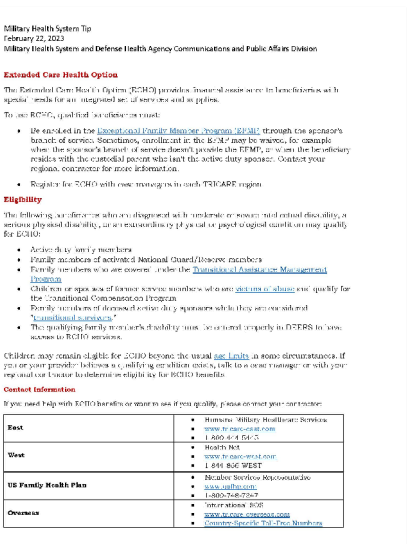
Activated Reserve, Guard now have TRICARE extended care option



Military Health System Tip
February 22, 2023
Military Health System and Defense Health Agency Communications and Public Affairs Division

Extended Care Health Option

The Extended Care Health Option (ECHO) provides financial assistance to beneficiaries with special needs for an integrated set of services and supplies.

To use ECHO, qualified beneficiaries must:

- Be enrolled in the Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) through the sponsor's branch of service. Sometimes, enrollment in the EFMP may be waived, for example when the sponsor's branch of service doesn't provide the EFMP, or when the beneficiary resides with the custodial parent who isn't the active duty sponsor. Contact your regional coordinator for more information.
- Register for ECHO with case managers in each TRICARE region.

Eligibility

The following conditions are only designated as chronic or severe and extend disability, a serious physical disability, or an extraordinary physical or psychological condition may qualify for ECHO:

- Autism by verify more here
- Family members of activated National Guard/Reserve members
- Family members who are covered under the Transitional Assistance Management Program
- Children or spouses of former service members who are returns or abuse who qualify for the Transitional Compensation Program
- Family members of deceased active duty sponsors who they are considered "transitional survivors."
- The qualifying family member's disability must be documented properly in DEERS to grant access to ECHO services.

Children may remain eligible for ECHO beyond the usual age limits in some circumstances. If you or your provider believes a qualifying condition exists, talk to a case manager or with your regional coordinator to determine eligibility for ECHO benefits.

Contact Information

If you need help with ECHO benefits or want to see if you qualify, please contact your contractor:

East	• Humana Military Healthcare Services • www.hnemc-east.com • 1-800-464-5403
West	• Health Net • www.hnemc-west.com • 1-844-866-WEST
US Family Health Plan	• Member Services Representative • www.uffm.com • 1-800-748-7367
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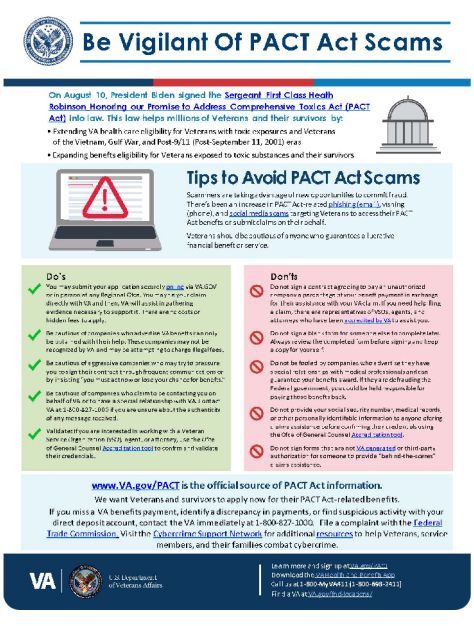

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- No. 24018 - If upon your Release from Active Duty you Are Hospitalized or Convalescing from an Injury or Illness Incurred during your Active Service Period, you Can Wait To Apply for Reemployment
- No. 24017 - Congress: Please Enact No-Cost Dental Coverage For all Members of the Selected Reserve
- No. 24016 - USERRA Gives a Reservist the Right to an Unpaid but Job-Protected Leave of Absence for a Dental Examination Required Because of Imminent Mobilization Orders
- No. 24015 - The Survivor Benefit Plan Explained

Honoring our fallen.

During February 2024, ROA was notified of **55** of our ROA comrades passing from our ranks. On behalf of our membership, we thank these brave men and women for their many years of service and wish their families peace. *Click here for the full list of names.*

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