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May 29, 2025
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Dear Ms. JANE M DOE,

You are receiving this notice because you may be eligible for a Medicare Part B special enrollment period offered by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. This special enrollment period waives the Medicare Part B late enrollment premium penalty and applies to TRICARE beneficiaries who may be eligible for Medicare Part A on their spouse's record and therefore must have Medicare Part A and Part B to remain eligible for TRICARE. We strongly encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity.

Under Federal law, TRICARE beneficiaries (other than active duty Service members, active duty family members, and Uniformed Services Family Health Plan enrollees) who become eligible for Medicare Part A for any reason, regardless of age or place of residence, lose their eligibility for TRICARE, unless they have Medicare Part B.

The Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) reflects that you are not eligible for premium-free Medicare Part A under your own work record; however, you may be eligible for Medicare Part A based on the work record of your spouse (current, divorced, or deceased). To maintain TRICARE coverage, you must sign up for Medicare Part A on your spouse's work record and if eligible, also sign up for Medicare Part B.

DEERS will be updated to terminate TRICARE coverage effective December 31, 2025, for every person eligible for Medicare Part A on their spouse's record in 2025, if they do not have Medicare Part A and Part B reflected on their DEERS record. An exception to the termination of TRICARE coverage is for those who present a Notice of Award or Notice of Disapproved Claim which documents ineligibility for Medicare Part A on their spouse's record.

Failure to take advantage of this opportunity before December 31, 2025, will result in the loss of TRICARE effective January 1, 2026. TRICARE coverage will be reinstated the first date that your Medicare Part A and Part B coverage are effective, or you meet the exception requirements noted above. If eligible under this special enrollment period, the Social Security Administration will provide you with your specific Medicare Part B effective date.

To take advantage of this special enrollment period, take this notice and a completed Application For Medicare Part A and Part B Special Enrollment Period (exceptional Circumstances) Form CMS-10797 to your local Social Security office. This form may be downloaded from

<https://www.cms.gov/medicare/cms-forms/cms-forms/cms-forms-list/cms10797>. If you reside overseas, take this letter to any Social Security office or to the nearest United States Embassy or consulate. If you live in the Philippines, you may contact the Veterans Affairs Regional Office, Social Security Division, 1131 Roxas Boulevard, Manila. If you are a Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) beneficiary, contact the RRB at (877) 772-5772.

You must pay a monthly premium for Medicare Part B for each month of coverage. The premium is usually taken out of your monthly Social Security or Railroad Retirement payment. If you do not receive any of these payments, Medicare will send you a quarterly bill for your Medicare Part B premiums. Information regarding Medicare Part B premiums may be found on the Internet at www.medicare.gov/basics/costs/medicare-costs.

DEERS will automatically be updated with your Medicare Part B effective date. Wisconsin Physicians Service (WPS) Military and Veterans Health is contracted to provide customer service and claims processing for TRICARE beneficiaries who are entitled to Medicare and receive care in the United States and/or U.S. Territories. For additional information or questions regarding claims or coverage, please visit the WPS website at www.tricare4u.com or you may contact them at (866) 773-0404 or (866-773-0405) for the hearing impaired (TDD). International SOS is contracted to provide customer service and claims processing for TRICARE beneficiaries who are entitled to Medicare and receive care overseas. International SOS contact information is country-specific and available at www.tricareoverseas.com/ContactUs/default.htm.

If you choose not to enroll in Medicare Part B, your DEERS record will reflect your ineligibility for TRICARE, effective January 1, 2026, and you will be eligible for DirectCare only (DC). DC is health care delivered within military treatment facilities when capability and capacity exists.

If you decide to enroll in Medicare Part B after December 31, 2025, you may only enroll in Medicare Part B during Medicare's General Enrollment Period which occurs January 1st through March 31st of each year. Your Medicare Part B will begin the month after you sign up, and your monthly premium will increase by 10 percent for every 12-month period that you could have enrolled but did not. Please note that everyone is eligible to sign up for Medicare Part B at age 65 even if not eligible for Medicare Part A.

For questions regarding the information in this letter, your DEERS record, or eligibility for TRICARE benefits, please contact the Defense Manpower Data Center Support Office at (800) 538-9552 or (866)363-2883 for the hearing impaired (TTY/TTD).

Sincerely,



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Dear SGT Buzz V Lightyear SR,

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