## THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE



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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE (RESERVE AFFAIRS)

ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE ARMY (MANPOWER AND RESERVE AFFAIRS)

ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE NAVY (MANPOWER AND RESERVE AFFAIRS)

ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE (MANPOWER AND RESERVE AFFAIRS)

DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF FOR MANPOWER AND RESERVE AFFAIRS (USMC)

SUBJECT: Policy Concerning TRICARE Enrollment Status for Beneficiaries Participating in Noncombatant Evacuation Operations

Beneficiaries may take up to 60 days to transfer their TRICARE Overseas Prime (TOP) enrollment to a stateside Prime location if relocated from overseas under a Noncombatant Evacuation Operation. If the beneficiary does not make this election for stateside Prime enrollment by the 61<sup>st</sup> day, their enrollment in TOP will end and their benefit reverts to TRICARE Standard.

The TRICARE Management Activity point of contact for this matter is Lt Col Patricia Graulty, at (703) 681-0064.

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