

# Understanding the **TRICARE**



## Change in Family Composition

### **BIRTH OF A CHILD (ACTIVE DUTY–OVERSEAS)**

#### **Giving birth to a child is a Qualifying Life Event (QLE).**

You have **120 days** from your child's birth date to register your newborn in the **Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS)**. You don't need a Social Security number (SSN), but are required to have the certificate of live birth and signed DD Form 1172-2. Once you have your child's SSN, be sure to update DEERS.

- If you live in a stateside Prime Service Area (PSA), your child is auto-enrolled in TRICARE Prime®, after they are registered in DEERS.
- If not in a PSA, your child is auto-enrolled in TRICARE Select®.
- If you want to switch plans, you must do so within 90 days of your child's automatic enrollment date.

