

Understanding the **TRICARE**



Change in Family Composition

BIRTH OF A CHILD (RETIREE-STATESIDE)

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

You have **90 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 birth certificate and signed DD Form 1172-2.

Once you have your child's SSN, be sure to update DEERS.

Your newborn is not automatically enrolled!

- ☑ Enrolling in a TRICARE plan is a separate step that must also be completed within 90 days of your child's birth date.
- ☑ You can enroll online, over the phone or through the mail, depending on where you live.

