

Reserve Component Healthcare Guidance: Reserve Component personnel are encouraged to visit the TRICARE website for the latest information of healthcare benefits for Reserve and Guard personnel and their families: <http://tricare.osd.mil/reserve/>

Dental Care for eligible military personnel on R&R:

Active Duty Service Members (to include activated Guard and Reserve personnel) on R&R leave are required to comply with existing Service guidelines for seeking healthcare, including emergency dental care. Members living, working, or on leave within a 50 mile radius of an active-duty military dental treatment facility (DTF) must seek all dental care, or management of that care, from the active duty DTF. If the member is in a Remote area (beyond 50 miles of a DTF) the member must follow the Tri-Service Remote Dental Program eligibility and emergency dental care treatment guidelines located on the MMSO website. Note: “Emergency” dental care does not include crowns. Members may also contact MMSO at 888-647-6676 for further information.

Transitional Assistance Management Program (TAMP):

Service members that have separated from active duty service but have TAMP health care benefits are not eligible for dental care under the Tri-Service Remote Dental Program (RDP). TAMP authorizes dental care provided directly by active duty DTFs, not RDP supplemental health care benefits provided by civilian dental care providers. For the latest information on TAMP benefits, contact the nearest TRICARE Service Center.

Veterans Administration (VA) dental benefit information:

Recently discharged military members may be eligible for VA dental care for the one-time correction of a dental condition shown to have been in existence at time of their discharge or release from active service. In order for recently discharged veterans to be eligible for VA dental care, they must meet the following dental eligibility criteria:

- a. They must have served on active duty for 90 days or longer.
- b. They must apply to the VA for dental care within 90 days of their discharge or release from active military service.
- c. Their certificate of discharge or release from active duty (DD-214) does not bear a certification that the veteran was provided, within the 90-day period immediately before their discharge, a complete dental examination (including x-rays) and all appropriate dental treatment indicated by the examination.
- d. They were discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable.

The veteran can contact any VA medical care facility to apply for dental care. They will need to present a copy of DD-214 along with their completed application. In order for a veteran to use a dentist in the private sector for care, the veteran must receive authorization and approval from the VA prior to contacting a dentist to arrange an authorization to have a civilian dental examination and treatment plan developed for submission to the appropriate VA facility for review and possible approval of care.