TRICARE COVERAGE DURING STATE DISASTER RESPONSE

When called for state disaster response duty, certain National Guard members may be eligible for extended TRICARE coverage.

State Active Duty Orders for Disaster Response
When on Active Guard Reserve, National Guard members are considered active duty service members (ADSM). When placed on state active duty, National Guard members lose their TRICARE eligibility as an ADSM.

However, during certain disaster response duty on state active duty orders, some National Guard members and their families may continue to be covered as an ADSM under TRICARE.

Eligibility depends on whether:

- The sponsor was on Active Guard Reserve duty prior to being called to state active duty orders.
- The state governor (or Mayor of the District of Columbia or U.S. territory governor) agrees to reimburse the Department of Defense for TRICARE coverage while National Guard members are on state active duty orders.

If you are activated to participate in your state’s response to a natural disaster, check with your unit’s personnel staff to know whether your unit is covered as ADSMs by TRICARE during your activation.

If applicable to you and your family members, this updated status will be visible in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System. Visit www.tricare.mil/deers for more information.

FOR MORE INFORMATION
The National Guard Bureau or your regional contractor will be able to answer questions regarding this benefit.