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MEMORANDUM FOR 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)
HEALTH, SAFETY, AND WORK-LIFE DIRECTOR OF THE COAST GUARD

SUBJECT: Policy Memorandum to Establish 2018 Monthly Premium Rates for TRICARE Reserve Select and TRICARE Retired Reserve

Calendar Year (CY) 2018 premium rates are established for TRICARE Reserve Select and TRICARE Retired Reserve (TRR) as specified in the attachment. This annual adjustment for both plans includes a program adjustment for the TRICARE Select benefit structure beginning January 1, 2018, as required by section 701 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017 (Public Law 114-328). Additionally, TRR reached a sufficient enrollment level in the base period to be actuarially appropriate for premium calculations and thus the methodology shifted to actual TRR program experience (i.e. historical cost data) for the CY 2018 premium rates in accordance with Federal regulation.

Please provide widest dissemination. This information can be found at www.tricare.mil/trs and www.tricare.mil/trr.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. J. Smith", is positioned above the typed name.

David J. Smith, M.D.

Performing the Duties of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs

Attachment:
As stated

cc:
Assistant Secretary of Defense (Reserve Affairs)
Surgeon General of the Army
Surgeon General of the Navy
Surgeon General of the Air Force

Attachment: Calendar Year 2018 Monthly Premium Rates for TRICARE Reserve Select and TRICARE Retired Reserve

TRICARE Reserve Select (TRS) premium rates are established annually on a Calendar Year (CY) basis in accordance with title 10, United States Code (U.S.C.), Section 1076d (10 U.S.C. 1076d) and title 32, Code of Federal Regulations, part 199.24 (32 CFR 199.24). The TRS monthly premiums for CY 2018 shall be the rates listed in the table below:

Type of Coverage	2017 TRS Monthly Rate	2018 TRS Monthly Rate	Change
TRS Member-only	\$ 47.82	\$ 46.09	- 3.6%
TRS Member & family	\$ 217.51	\$ 221.38	+ 1.8%

TRICARE Retired Reserve (TRR) premium rates are established annually on a CY basis in accordance with 10 U.S.C. 1076e and 32 CFR 199.25. The TRR monthly premiums for CY 2018 shall be the rates listed in the table below:

Type of Coverage	2017 TRR Monthly Rate	2018 TRR Monthly Rate	Change
TRR Member-only	\$ 402.81	\$ 431.35	+ 7.1%
TRR Member & family	\$ 1,013.36	\$ 1,038.31	+ 2.5%