



**SCOTT & WHITE**



## **TRICARE FOR LIFE**

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### ***WHAT IS IT?***

Tricare For Life is a new, permanent, program offered to United States Armed Services retirees and their eligible dependents who are over age 65 and who are also eligible and participating in Medicare Part A and Part B.

### ***HOW DO I ENROLL IN TRICARE FOR LIFE?***

As long as you are enrolled in Medicare Part A and B, and your DEERS enrollment is current, you will be automatically enrolled in Tricare For Life by the Department of Defense.

### ***WHAT IF I ALREADY HAVE ANOTHER MEDICARE SUPPLEMENT?***

Tricare For Life will always be the payer of last resort with the exception of Medicaid.

### ***DOES SCOTT AND WHITE PARTICIPATE IN TRICARE FOR LIFE?***

Yes.

### ***WHAT DOCUMENTATION DO I NEED TO BRING TO MY APPOINTMENT?***

You will need to bring your Medicare card showing that you are eligible for both Part A and B, and your valid Uniformed Services Identification (ID) card.

### ***WHAT DOES IT COVER?***

Tricare For Life will pay the eligible patient's Medicare deductibles and cost shares.

### ***WILL I HAVE TO PAY ANYTHING UP-FRONT?***

No.

### ***WILL I EVER HAVE A BALANCE DUE?***

As long as both Medicare and Tricare For Life cover the service there should be no additional balances due. If Medicare (but not Tricare) covers the service, then you will be responsible for the Medicare cost-share and deductible for that particular charge. If the service is not covered by Medicare, but is covered by Tricare, then you would be responsible for paying the normal Tricare deductible and cost-share for that particular charge.

### ***WHAT INSURANCE PLAN CODE SHOULD SCOTT & WHITE USE?***

C50. Insurance information should be entered the same way it is entered for any other Tricare/Champus plan code. Staff can begin entering the new plan code immediately, but be sure to put an effective date of October 1, 2001.