

**DENTAL HEALTH BENEFITS FOR DEMOBILIZING RESERVE COMPONENTS SOLDIERS  
UPON RELEASE FROM ACTIVE DUTY (REFRAD) FOR 30 OR GREATER CONSECUTIVE  
ACTIVE DUTY DAYS WHEN IN SUPPORT OF A CONTINGENCY OPERATION**

1. Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA): The DVA offers a onetime dental health benefit, subject to the requirements and limitations defined in Title 38 USC. Soldiers have **180 days** from their REFRAD to contact the DVA to coordinate dental treatment. The one-time DVA dental health benefit consists of a dental examination, a dental cleaning, and most dental treatment to resolve dental diseases and problems that existed while on active duty. The dental health benefit ends when treatment requirements identified at the initial DVA exam have been completed. Orthodontic and dental implant procedures are not a covered benefit. Details on using DVA dental benefits are:

a. The Soldier must complete a DVA form 10-10EZ. Along with a copy of their DD214, mail, fax or hand deliver these two documents to their nearest DVA dental facility.

b. Block 17 on the Soldier's DD Form 214 (*Member was provided a complete Dental Exam and all appropriate Dental services and treatment within 90 days prior to separation.*) must be marked "**NO**". Make sure the DVA facility clearly understands you are applying for the "recently discharged veteran's dental health benefits". Access forms and locate DVA facilities at: [www.va.gov/health/](http://www.va.gov/health/).

c. If there are issues in accessing or applying for DVA dental health benefits, contact the local DVA dental eligibility clerk, the local DVA Chief of Dental Services, the Veterans Service Officer, or the DVA health benefits help line (1-877-222-8387), in that order.

2. Transitional Assistance Management Program (TAMP): The Soldier is eligible for TAMP benefits for up to 180 days after REFRAD. The Soldier must ensure eligibility has been updated in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) prior to REFRAD.

a. The Soldier is eligible to access a military Dental Treatment Facility (DTF) and receive the same dental care benefits as active duty service members. The Soldier must present a DD Form 214 to the DTF in order to confirm eligibility.

b. The Soldier is eligible to receive private sector dental care as a member of the remote Active Duty Dental Program (ADDP). ADDP beneficiaries receive active duty dental benefit services as long as the referral and/or authorization requirements are met prior to receipt of care. Authorizations will not be granted for any dental care procedure that cannot be completed within the Soldier's 180-day maximum TAMP period. For more information on dental TAMP benefits, visit: [www.tricare.mil/mybenefit/home/LifeEvents/Deactivating](http://www.tricare.mil/mybenefit/home/LifeEvents/Deactivating).

3. Reserve Components TRICARE Dental Program (TDP): Selected Reserve and IRR Soldiers are eligible to enroll in the TDP, a government cost share dental insurance program providing reasonably priced access to comprehensive dental care from a large network of civilian dentists. Enrollment in TDP requires a 12 month commitment and includes an optional family member benefit. Soldiers, who participated in the TDP prior to deployment and were dropped from the TDP when activated, will automatically be re-enrolled following REFRAD when their military status is updated in DEERS. Because of processing time, a small gap in coverage may occur between the REFRAD and the TDP re-enrollment dates. All TDP enrollees should contact the TDP contractor to verify coverage prior to seeking dental services after REFRAD. <http://www.tricare.osd.mil/dental/>)