

Line of Duty Care

While on active duty, National Guard and Reserve members are covered for injury, illness or disease incurred or aggravated in the line of duty. This includes injuries sustained when traveling directly to or from the place of duty.

To receive health care for these injuries or illness after your active duty period is complete, your service must issue a Line of Duty (LOD) determination. This LOD documentation is used to establish, manage, and authorize health care for the specific injury, illness or disease. LOD coverage is separate from any other TRICARE coverage received including:

Transitional health benefits provided under the Transitional Assistance Management Program
Coverage provided under TRICARE Reserve Select

Note: The Coast Guard refers to a line of duty determination as a Notification of Eligibility (NOE).

Documenting Eligibility and Obtaining Line of Duty Care

Once your service has issued your LOD, it is your responsibility to ensure the LOD documentation is on file at either a military treatment facility (MTF) or the Military Medical Support Office (MMSO).

If you reside within the MTF enrollment area, that MTF will manage your LOD care. Ensure your service-issued LOD is on file at that MTF.

If your residence is NOT within the MTF enrollment area, the MMSO will coordinate your care via your unit medical representative.

[Learn more about MMSO LOD Care procedure guidelines](#)



Note to Air Force Reservists:

An MTF can verify your eligibility for LOD Care by calling the Air Force Reserve Command toll-free at:

1-888-577- 2561, option "4"
7:00 am to 5:00 pm EST, Monday - Friday.

Your full Social Security number is required to verify eligibility.