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MEMORANDUM FOR DEERS Beneficiaries

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SUBJECT: Expired Uniformed Services Identification Card (USID) Guidelines

1. In accordance with Department of Defense (DoD) *Policy Guidance Extension for Identification Card Operations for COVID-19*, Uniformed Services Identification Cards (USID) that expired on/after January 1, 2020 may continue to be used to access military installations and benefits through June 30, 2021.
2. When Medicare information is updated in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS), TRICARE will accept claims regardless of the expiration date on the ID card. Therefore, there should be **no lapse in TRICARE coverage or benefits**.
3. For members with expired cards, the Military Personnel Flight recommends keeping this memorandum to assist in communicating this DoD policy exception to health care providers, Base Commissaries/Exchanges, Security Forces Squadron, and other interested parties as needed.
4. This exception does not apply to Common Access Cards (CACs) or dependent children turning 21 years old. An ID card issued to a child of a service member expires when the child turns 21 years old. Unless attending school as a full-time student, approved as an incapacitated dependent, or enrolled in TRICARE Young Adult, the child's affiliation ends when the ID card expires and is not eligible for continued benefits. As a result, a child who has turned 21 and is not eligible for continued benefits MAY NOT use the expired USID card to access benefits.
5. Please direct any questions pertaining to this memo to the Military Personnel Flight Customer Support Section via email custrsvc@us.af.mil or phone 321-494-6144

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