



# Cancer and Children's Hospitals Outpatient Prospective Payment System

Per the Defense Health Agency (DHA), outpatient services provided by cancer and children's hospitals will be subject to the TRICARE Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS) for services dates on or after Oct. 1, 2023. Previously, cancer and children's hospitals were exempt from OPPS billing.

## Learn more

- Find complete details in the TRICARE Reimbursement Manual (TRM), Chapter 13 at <https://manuals.health.mil>.
- Look up OPPS reimbursement rates at <https://health.mil/rates>.
- Read answers to frequently asked questions (FAQ) at [www.tricare-west.com](http://www.tricare-west.com) > Claims > Review Billing Tips > Cancer and Children's Hospitals.



## General Temporary Military Contingency Payment Adjustments (GTMCPA)

DHA may approve a GTMCPA payment for hospitals that serve a disproportionate share of active duty service members (ADSM) and active duty family members (ADFM). For cancer and children's hospitals who meet criteria, GTMCPA payments can be up to 115% of the hospital's costs for OPPS services. Find details about the GTMCPA on our [FAQ page](#).

## How do I know if a TRICARE patient is an ADSM or ADFM?

You can determine a TRICARE patient's military status by their ID card and when verifying TRICARE eligibility details.

### ID Cards

#### Service Members

Most ADSMs carry a **Common Access Card (CAC)**.



#### Family Members

ADFM's carry **Uniformed Services ID cards** that include a "Sponsor Affiliation" field.



## Checking Eligibility

You can also find a patient's TRICARE status when you check eligibility. This can be done online, through self-service telephone prompts, or with an electronic 270 eligibility request.



### Online

1. Use our [Check Eligibility](http://www.tricare-west.com) tool at [www.tricare-west.com](http://www.tricare-west.com).

Log in to the "Eligibility & Deductible" tool in the *Secure Tools* menu.



2. Enter search parameters for a single beneficiary or a group of beneficiaries (up to 10).

Search by the sponsor's Social Security number (SSN) or DOD Benefits Number (DBN):

**Check Eligibility, Deductible and Catastrophic Cap**

\*= Required Field

**SEARCH FOR PATIENT BY**

SSN Option    DBN Option

3. Review search results.

**BENEFICIARY NAME:**

Eligibility Status: Eligible      Sponsor's Benefit Type : Active Duty

Plan : TRICARE Prime      Region : 24-TRICARE West



### Phone

Use the self-service prompts when calling 1-844-866-WEST (9378). Follow phone menu options for checking eligibility. Listen for "The sponsor's status is active duty" in the response.



### Electronic request

Submit an electronic data interchange (EDI) 270 eligibility request. Look for "Active Duty Sponsor" or "Active Duty Family Member" in the EDI 271 eligibility/benefit response.

Learn more through our online tutorial: [Checking Eligibility in the TRICARE West Region](#).