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Description

TRICARE is available to eligible Survivors of a Soldier who dies while on active duty. Eligible Survivors include the surviving spouse and children under the age of 21 or under the age of 23 if enrolled in a full-time course study in an institution of higher learning. Survivors are eligible for TRICARE Prime without reenrollment fees and copayments.

Regulations and Supporting Resources

[A Survivor's Guide to Benefits – Taking Care of Our Families](#)

[AR 600-8-1, Army Casualty Program](#)

[Army Casualty Notification and Assistance Guide](#)

Casualty and Mortuary Affairs Operations Center (CMAOC) – Casualty Assistance Officer (CAO) Training Guide

[TRICARE Website](#)

Documents and Forms

[DD Form 2876, TRICARE Prime Enrollment Application and Primary Care Manager \(PCM\) Change Form](#)

Related Processes

[Casualty Assistance Process](#)

Systems

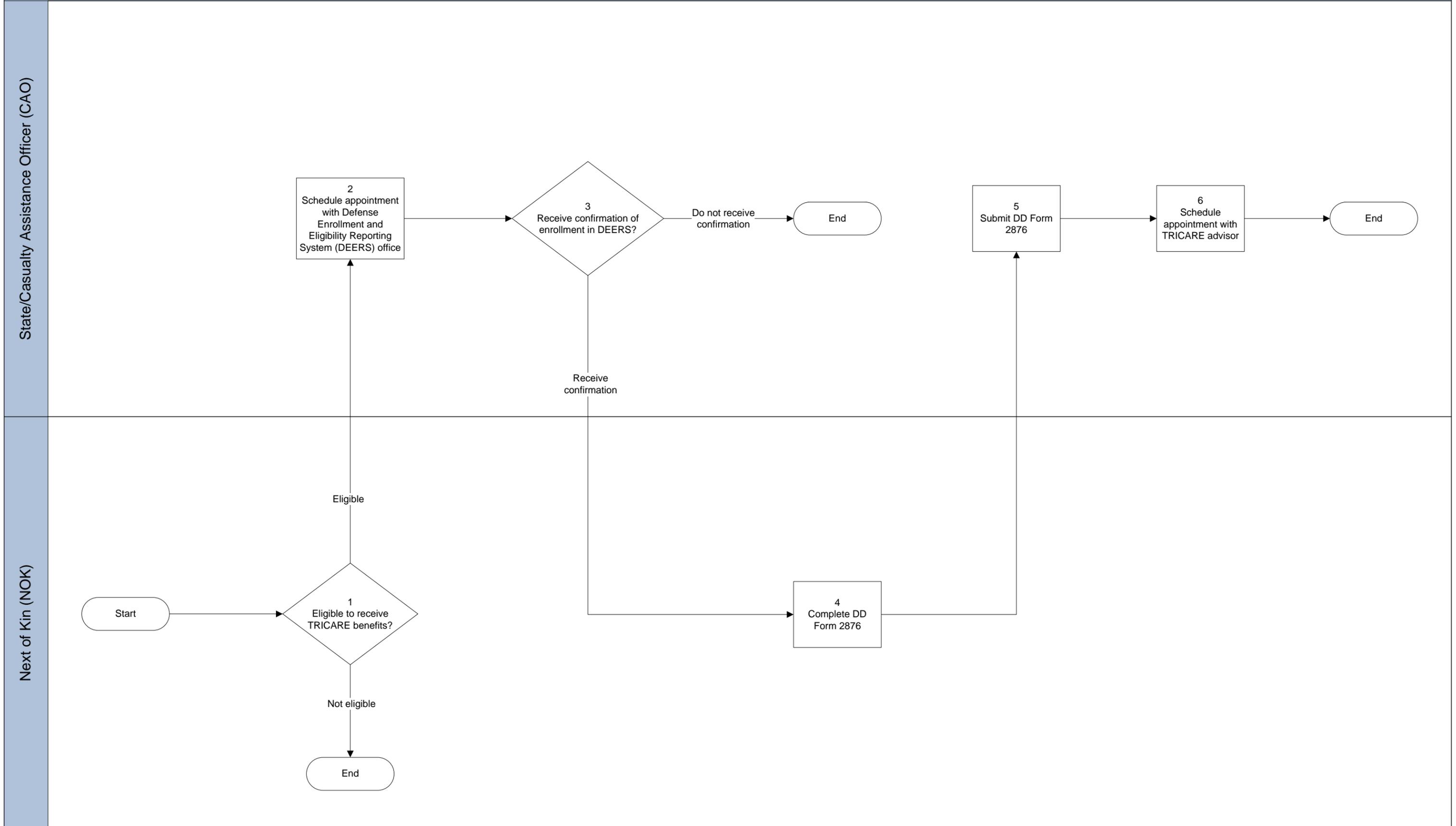
[Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System \(DEERS\) Website – Login](#)

Points of Contact

Division: Soldier Family Support and Services Division (ARNG-HRF)

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Note: The numbers on this process map are for reference purposes only and do not denote the sequence of the process



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No.	Activity/Decision Point Name	Description	Regulations and Supporting Resources	Documents and Forms	Systems	Notes
1	Eligible to receive TRICARE benefits?	The following are eligible to receive the TRICARE benefit for three years: - A surviving spouse who has not/does not remarry - An unmarried child under age 21 or under age 23 if enrolled in higher education (Children with disabilities may remain eligible beyond these age limits)				
2	Schedule appointment with Defense Enrollment and Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) office	If eligible, the Casualty Assistance Officer (CAO) schedules an appointment with local DEERS office for the next of kin (NOK). To schedule an appointment, the CAO may go to nearest Uniformed Services Identification Card facility or call the Defense Manpower Data Center Support Office Telephone Center at (800) 538-9552.				
3	Receive confirmation of enrollment in DEERS?	CAO needs to receive confirmation of NOK's enrollment in DEERS from the DEERS office.			DEERS	
4	Complete DD Form 2876	NOK completes DD Form 2876 (TRICARE Prime Enrollment Application and PCM Change Form).		DD Form 2876		
5	Submit DD Form 2876	CAO submits DD Form 2876 (TRICARE Prime Enrollment Application and PCM Change Form) at a TRICARE Service Center (TSC) for the NOK.		DD Form 2876		
6	Schedule appointment with TRICARE advisor	CAO schedules an appointment with a TRICARE advisor for the NOK by calling the advisor directly.		DD Form 2876		