

Did You Know?



Please contact Survivor outreach coordinator if any of these Milestones are of a concern to you. As the anniversary of each milestone occurs, you will be notified.

Some only apply to those on Active Duty

Surviving Youth Milestones

Child Turns 16

-Elimination of SSA entitlement for adult receiving Child in Care benefits

Child Turns 18

-College – Fry Scholarship – Line of Duty cases only
-College – Dependent Education Assistance (DEA) – VA Service connected death
-Loss of annuities (SSA depends, DIC, SBP) unless enrolled in school full time. All SSA benefits will stop once the child has turned 18, graduates from high school if over 18 or is still in high school at the age of 19 and 2 months.

-Loss of annual benefit report
-If DG/SGLI beneficiary – assist with claiming entitlements when child's guardian declined to pursue Guardianship of Estate (conservatorship) during short term case management support

Child Turns 21

-Loss of DEERS/TRICARE unless enrolled in school full time
-Enrollment in TRICARE Young Adult

Child Turns 22

-Loss of Child-Only SBP regardless of school enrollment

Child Turns 23

-Loss of DEERS/TRICARE Transitional Survivor unless incapacitated
-Enrollment in TRICARE Young Adult

Child Turns 26

-Loss of TRICARE Young Adult
-Loss of VA DEA eligibility

Child Turns 33

-Loss of Fry Scholarship eligibility

Surviving Spouse Milestones

One Year Mark

-Moving out of quarters (if applicable)
-Storage at government expense expires – apply for Home of Selection (HOS) extension

Two Year Mark

-Loss of Spouse's VA Transitional DIC Benefits (\$250 per family per month)
This only applies to Spouse with one or more minor children in household.

-Apply for Home of Selection (HOS) extension
-Expiration of Mother's federal employment preference

Three Year Mark

-TRICARE Healthcare and Dental benefits transitions to retiree rate for spouse
-Home of Selection (HOS) entitlement expires

Spouse Turns 52

-If disabled, can remain and retain SSA Survivor Benefits

Spouse Turns 55

-Can remarry and not lose SBP eligibility

Spouse Turns 57

-Can remarry not lose DIC eligibility, remarriage after 57

Spouse Turns 60

-Can remarry and retain SSA Survivor Benefits