

Remarriage and Your Survivor Benefits



The decision to remarry may affect your eligibility for Survivor benefits. If you do remarry, be sure to notify your benefit providers promptly.

How do benefits change when I remarry?

Remarriage affects your benefits differently depending on your age at the time you remarry.

Age at Remarriage	Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP)	Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC)	Social Security	TRICARE	ID	Base/ Exchange/ Commissary/ MWR
Before age 55	Ends	Ends	Ends	Ends	Ends	Ends
From age 55 to age 60	Continues	Continues	Ends	Ends (You may be able to enroll in CHAMPVA.)*	Ends	Ends
After age 60	Continues	Continues	Continues	Ends (You may be able to enroll in CHAMPVA.)*	Ends	Ends
Remarriage ends in divorce, annulment or death of new spouse	May reapply	May reapply	May reapply	Ends (You may be able to enroll in CHAMPVA)*	May reapply	May reapply

**The Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs (CHAMPVA) coordinates medical care for certain dependents and Survivors of service members. To verify eligibility, call 1-800-733-8387.*

Why is it important to notify benefit programs of my remarriage?

You should promptly notify all benefits programs if you remarry in order to prevent overpayments. Overpayments will eventually be recovered. Penalties may also apply.

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