



## Dental Demobilization Processing

- All demobilizing RC Soldiers will receive a complete dental examination and those Soldiers identified as Dental Class 3 will receive all possible and clinically appropriate treatment prior to REFRAD.
- RC Soldiers who would require more than one appointment to bring them to a minimum of Dental Class 2 will receive care utilizing the Army Selected Reserves Dental Readiness System (ASDRS).
- All Soldiers requiring follow-on dental treatment must have required treatment needs documented on SF 603, Health Record – Dental, or SF 603a, Health Record – Dental continuation. Soldiers on Active Duty for greater than 179 consecutive days are eligible for dental care through the VA healthcare system provided the need for dental care is documented on their DD 214.
- These Soldiers have 90 days from REFRAD to contact the VA to coordinate dental treatment.
- Soldiers on Active Duty for more than 30 days, but less than 180 days that require dental care as a result of disease/injury during that time must have completed DA 2173 and/or DA 261 which documents that the disease/injury requiring dental care occurred while the Soldier was on active duty to receive authorization for follow-on dental care through a military medical support office.



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- Transitional Health Benefits (THB) outlined in Title 10 USC, Section 1145, allow for the provision of dental services on a space available basis in military dental clinics. If the Soldier has less than 6 years creditable service, they are eligible for 60 days of space-available dental care; if greater than 6 years service, they have 120 days.
- TRICARE Dental Program (TDP). Selected Reserve and IRR members are eligible for TDP, a government cost share dental insurance program, which provides reasonably priced access to comprehensive dental care from the civilian dentist of their choosing. To minimize costs, the enrollee is encouraged to utilize the TDP's participating network of dentists for their care.
- Enrollment in TDP requires a 12 month commitment and includes an optional family member benefit for an additional premium.
- RC Soldiers, who were participating in the TDP prior to deployment and were dropped from the program when activated, will automatically be re-enrolled following demob when their military status is updated in DEERS. RC Soldiers should be made aware a small gap in coverage may occur between their deactivation date and the date TDP re-enrollment coverage begins.