

RESOLUTION 10-10

SOURCE: National Headquarters, AR, NJ, NY MD, PA, NM, IA, IL, TN, WA, CA, KY, MA, VA, OH, WI

SUBJECT: Oppose TRICARE Increases

WHEREAS, this nation has a moral obligation to provide quality health care to those who protect our freedoms; and

WHEREAS, there has been several attempts to shift healthcare costs from the Federal government to active duty, reserve and retired military personnel and their families; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Defense proposes doubling or tripling TRICARE premiums for military retirees under age 65; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Defense admits the premium increases will kick out 600,000 beneficiaries; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Defense is not a commercial business that can undermine health care and benefits in order to increase its bottom line; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Defense has sole authority to increase premiums and fees; and

WHEREAS, military retirees premiums have already been paid by 20-plus years of service: now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That AMVETS oppose any and all efforts to increase TRICARE premiums; and be it further

RESOLVED, That AMVETS supports legislation that would give Congress the authority to prohibit increases in healthcare costs for members of the Uniformed Services.