

**RESOLUTION 11-09**

**SOURCE:** AMVETS National Headquarters, AK, AZ, DC, DE, FL, IL, KY, ME, MD, MA, MI, MN, NE, NJ, NC, ND, OH, OR, PA, TX, WA, 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.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

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