

## Survivor Milestones

Please contact your [Support Coordinator](#) if any of these milestones are of a concern to you. Some only apply to those on active duty.

### 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) – 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

### SURVIVING CHILD 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 fulltime. 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

