



## RESERVE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

### TRICARE Coverage Continuity Resolution No. 16-21

**WHEREAS**, there has been increased utilization of the Guard and Reserve in support of operations as reflected in a 2013 Congressional Research Service report on Reserve Component Personnel Issues states that Reservists have been involuntarily activated for federal service six times over the past 23 years; and

**WHEREAS**, reservists no longer supplement but at times replace active forces in military operations worldwide as proven by the last 12 years at war with over 900,000 mobilizations; and

**WHEREAS**, individuals perform duty in different categories and each category has medical coverage that begins and ends with that particular status, requiring reenrollment; and

**WHEREAS**, when members transition between several different categories to cover a period of time in support of the nation this causes a disruption of family medical coverage; and

**WHEREAS**, the Military Compensation and Retirement Modernization Committee found that lack of continuity was a significant problem for Guard and Reserve members and their families;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Reserve Officers Association of the United States, chartered by Congress, urge Congress to establish legislation that allows any Guard and Reserve member to seamlessly elect the appropriate TRICARE coverage regardless of status which would ensure continuity of coverage.

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