

**Sustain Tricare Benefits  
Resolution 18-10**

**WHEREAS**, military retirees age 65 and over are currently enrolled in Tricare for Life (TFL) through the Defense Enrollment and Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) and must pay Medicare Part B premiums; and

**WHEREAS**, premium rates are much higher than those charged to military retirees under age 65 covered by Tricare Prime or Standard; and

**WHEREAS**, servicemembers with TFL who reside outside the United States and U.S. territories pay the same rate even though Medicare pays nothing, however TFL is the first payer in all other overseas areas; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2018 co-payments for generic drugs at networks is on or about \$11 and for non-networks is \$28 or 20 percent of total cost, whichever is more, which exceeds the costs at retail pharmacies (Walmart charges \$4 for generic drug prescriptions) thereby causing out-of-pocket expenses;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that ROA, chartered by Congress, urge Congress to deny any Tricare for Life enrollment fee increases and limit increases in military medical insurance premiums and co-payments, to include drug co-payments, for active and retired military personnel and their dependents, to no more than the annual percentage increases in military pay or military retirement pay respectively.

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