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Medications are available through TRICARE Pharmacy Home Delivery or at a retail network pharmacy. They may also be available at a military pharmacy. To find contact information for a military pharmacy near you, please visit www.tricare.mil/mtf. We encourage you to consider TRICARE Pharmacy Home Delivery as a convenient and cost-effective way to receive your regular medications if a military pharmacy is not an option. Learn more about home delivery at www.tricare.mil/homedelivery, and find your nearest TRICARE pharmacies at www.express-scripts.com/TRICARE/pharmacy.

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If you have questions, you may contact the TRICARE Pharmacy Program at (877) 363-1303. We at the Defense Health Agency are proud to serve our Nation's military heroes and their families. It is our commitment to provide the best possible health care.

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