TRICARE is the military health system. Cadets receive health care at the Mologne Cadet Health Clinic (MCHC), Keller Army Community Hospital (KACH), or in the TRICARE North civilian network. Routine primary care must be obtained at Mologne Cadet Health Clinic (MCHC). Specialty care requires a referral from MCHC.

Traveling with TRICARE

While away from West Point, cadets are entitled to access urgent or emergency care only. Urgent care in the U.S. requires referral from MCHC and preauthorization from Health Net Federal Services (HNFS). Outside the U.S., cadets contact International SOS (ISOS) to arrange care (and ambulance transport if needed).

Emergency care does not require referral or authorization. Emergency inpatient admissions must be reported to HNFS within 48 hours. Outside the U.S., report emergency admissions to ISOS.

Cadet Dental Care

Dental care is provided at the Saunders Dental Clinic located in Building 606. At a minimum, cadets must obtain an annual dental exam at the dental clinic.
Keller Army Community Hospital (KACH) offers most of the medical specialties a young person might need: Internal Medicine, Dermatology, General Surgery, Gynecology, Orthopedics, Sports Medicine, Podiatry, Physical Therapy, ENT, Radiology, Pharmacy, and Lab. Physical Therapy is also provided at Arvin Gym located in the academic area.

Other KACH specialties are located in the same building as the Mologne Cadet Health Clinic (MCHC). Optometry, Ophthalmology, Behavioral Health, Preventive Medicine and Community Health Nursing are all located upstairs from MCHC in Building 606.

When specialty care is needed, the cadet's primary care manager enters a referral in the hospital system and the cadet makes an appointment at KACH.

If the specialty care is not available at KACH, the referral is routed to Health Net Federal Services for authorization and the cadet receives the care from a TRICARE civilian network provider and/or facility.

The military medical system at West Point is designed to make it easier for cadets to obtain health care and return to normal academic activities as soon as possible.

Cadets receive primary health care at the Mologne Cadet Health Clinic (MCHC).

Located in the academic area in Building 606, MCHC is easily accessible and is staffed with doctors, nurses, soldier-medics, and other health care professionals. MCHC also provides Pharmacy and Lab services. Special immunization clinics are held 3 or 4 times per year as needed.

Sick Call is held from 6:00 am to 6:30 am Monday through Friday at MCHC, with walk-in service available to cadets who are too sick to attend class. All others make appointments as outlined below.

To make appointments at MCHC via the Internet, cadets first register at www.tricareonline.com. Appointments can be booked as soon as access is granted. TRICARE Online also allows access to a modified personal health record and other useful features such as medication refill requests and secure messaging with the MHCH primary care team via Relay Health.

Appointments can also be made at MCHC or Keller Army Community Hospital by calling the Appointment Center at 845-938-7992 or 800-552-2907.

Cadets contact MCHC staff by calling 845-938-3003 or 845-938-3806.

The TRICARE Military Health System is a partnership of regional military and civilian medical systems. West Point is located in the TRICARE North Region. Our civilian partner, Health Net Federal Services, can be reached at 877-874-2273. Information on other regions can be found at the official Department of Defense TRICARE website: www.tricare.mil.

As active duty service members, cadets are enrolled in the benefit option called TRICARE Prime. This is a managed health care model that requires referral and authorization before receiving specialty care.

Cadets referred to the TRICARE civilian network are contacted via email by the Keller Referral Center staff. Complete instructions on how to make an appointment and arrange transportation are provided. No matter where civilian medical care is received, all claims for TRICARE North enrollees are submitted for payment to: TRICARE North Claims, P.O. Box 870140, Surfside Beach, SC 29587-9740.

TRICARE meets the Minimum Essential Coverage requirement of the Affordable Care Act. However, we advise you to retain medical insurance for your cadet so that coverage is immediately available if the cadet leaves USMA before graduation and commissioning. As Active duty service members, cadets are required to get all medical care within the military health system and use TRICARE for payment of civilian claims. Claims for care denied by your health insurance will be denied by TRICARE for lack of proper referral and authorization. Some benefits under your plan may not be benefits under TRICARE and cannot be paid. You can avoid claims problems by encouraging your cadet to get all routine care while at West Point. Please see the section entitled Traveling with TRICARE.