

#### **What is CHAMPVA?**

CHAMPVA is a health benefits program in which the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) shares the cost of certain health care services and supplies with eligible beneficiaries (see Eligibility Fact Sheet 01-3 for criteria for CHAMPVA coverage). CHAMPVA is managed by the VA's Health Administration Center (HAC) in Denver, Colorado. We process CHAMPVA applications, determine eligibility, authorize benefits, and process medical claims.

#### **What kind of certification is required for individuals between age 18 and 23 who are in school?**

Student status may be established for up to a full year with a letter from the school certifying the beginning and ending dates of the school terms for which the student has pre-enrolled as a full-time student.

#### **Must a student be enrolled in a specific type of school to be eligible for CHAMPVA?**

Schools may include high school; vocational or technical school; junior colleges; and colleges and universities that are accredited by a nationally recognized agency or association.

#### **How many class hours must a student be taking to be eligible for CHAMPVA?**

Full-time attendance is defined as twelve semester credit hours for spring or fall semesters or the equivalent number of hours on a quarter-based academic calendar (rather than semesters).

#### **What information must be in a certification?**

Certifications should be on school letterhead or computer generated forms and should include:

- student's full name
- student's Social Security Number (SSN)
- exact beginning and ending dates of each semester or enrollment term

- number of semester hours or equivalent (not required for high school) certifying full-time status
- signature and title of a school official

### Can the certification be in a foreign language?

Yes, however, additional time will be required for translation.

### Where does the school send the certification?

- Mail: VA Health Administration Center  
Eligibility  
PO Box 469028  
Denver, CO 80246-9028
- FAX: 1-303-331-7809.

### What is required if the student changes status?

- Immediately notify the Health Administration Center at the address below.
- Changes from full-time to part-time and withdrawals from school will result in termination of CHAMPVA eligibility.

It is not necessary to report school vacation periods; these do not affect eligibility status.

### How do I get more information?

- Mail: VA Health Administration Center  
CHAMPVA  
PO Box 409028  
Denver, CO 80206-9028
- Phone: 1-800-733-8387 Monday - Friday 8:15 AM – 6:00 PM Eastern Time
- FAX: 1-303-331-7804
- E-mail: [HAC.INQ@MED.VA.GOV](mailto:HAC.INQ@MED.VA.GOV)
- Website: [WWW.VA.GOV/HAC](http://WWW.VA.GOV/HAC)