

FOREIGN MEDICAL PROGRAM POLICY MANUAL

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TITLE: OVERVIEW

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I. EFFECTIVE DATE

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II. DESCRIPTION

The Foreign Medical Program (FMP) is a US Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) health benefits program designed for US veterans with VA-rated service-connected conditions who are residing or traveling abroad. VA assumes payment responsibility for necessary medical services associated with the treatment of service-connected conditions.

III. POLICY

A. FMP is a health care benefit program for United States veterans with VA-adjudicated service-connected conditions who reside or travel outside the United States.

B. FMP assumes payment responsibility for all foreign-provided, medically necessary services associated with the treatment of adjudicated service-connected condition, or care for a veterans participating in a rehabilitation program under 38 USC Chapter 31.

IV. POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

Administration of the program is centralized to the VA's Health Administration Center (HAC) in Denver, Colorado. The FMP office is responsible for all aspects of the program including processing of applications, authorization of benefits, processing of reconsiderations, and the payment of claims.

*** END OF POLICY ***