

HEALTH CARE BENEFITS FOR CHILDREN OF VIETNAM VETERANS

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TITLE: OVERVIEW - CHILDREN OF WOMEN VIETNAM VETERANS (CWVV)
PROGRAM

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I. DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of VA health care benefits, the term covered birth defect is any birth defect identified by VA as one that is associated with the service of women Vietnam veterans in the Republic of Vietnam and that has resulted, or may result, in a permanent physical or mental disability for the veteran's birth child.

II. DESCRIPTION

A. Established December 1, 2001, the Children of Women Vietnam Veterans Program is a health benefits program for women Vietnam veterans' birth children that are diagnosed with a covered birth defect.

B. Information regarding the provision for the Children of Women Vietnam Veterans Vocational Training and Rehabilitation Program is found in 38 USC1814.

C. Information regarding the monetary allowance afforded children with a disability resulting from one or more covered birth defects is found in 38 USC 1815.

III. POLICY

Health care benefits available under this program and described in this manual are limited to those necessary for the treatment of a covered birth defect and related medical conditions. In general, the program covers most health care services and supplies that are medically or psychologically necessary for the treatment of conditions related to the covered birth defect(s) (see [Chapter 2, Section 2, General Medical Benefits](#)).

IV. POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

Administration of the program is centralized to VA's Health Administration Center (HAC) in Denver, Colorado. HAC is responsible for all aspects of the Children of Women Vietnam Veterans Program, including the authorization of health care benefits and the subsequent processing and payment of claims.

V. EXCLUSIONS

- A. Familial disorder.
- B. Birth-related injury.
- C. Fetal or neonatal infirmity with well-established causes.

END OF POLICY