



VA HEALTH CARE

Fact Sheet 164-2

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Enrollment Priority Groups

Priority Group	Definition
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Veterans with VA-rated service-connected disabilities 50% or more disabling • Veterans determined by VA to be unemployable due to service-connected conditions
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Veterans with VA-rated service-connected disabilities 30% or 40% disabling
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Veterans who are Former Prisoners of War (POWs) • Veterans awarded a Purple Heart medal • Veterans whose discharge was for a disability that was incurred or aggravated in the line of duty • Veterans with VA-rated service-connected disabilities 10% or 20% disabling • Veterans awarded special eligibility classification under Title 38, U.S.C., Section 1151, "benefits for individuals disabled by treatment or vocational rehabilitation"
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Veterans who are receiving aid and attendance or housebound benefits from VA • Veterans who have been determined by VA to be catastrophically disabled
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nonservice-connected Veterans and noncompensable service-connected Veterans rated as 0% disabled by VA and whose annual income and net worth are below the VA national income threshold • Veterans receiving VA pension benefits • Veterans eligible for Medicaid programs
6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • World War I Veterans • Compensable 0% service-connected Veterans • Veterans exposed to ionizing radiation during atmospheric testing or during the occupation of Hiroshima and Nagasaki • Project 112/SHAD participants • Veterans who served in a theater of combat operations after November 11, 1998 as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Veterans discharged from active duty on or after January 28, 2003, who were enrolled as of January 28, 2008 and Veterans who apply for enrollment after January 28, 2008, for 5 years post discharge ○ Veterans discharged from active duty before January 28, 2003, who apply for enrollment after January 28, 2008, until January 27, 2011
7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Veterans with income and/or net worth above the VA national income threshold and income below the geographic income threshold who agree to pay copays
8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Veterans with income and/or net worth above the VA national income threshold and the geographic income threshold who agree to pay copays <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Subpriority a: Noncompensable 0% service-connected Veterans enrolled as of January 16, 2003, and who have remained enrolled since that date ○ Subpriority c: Nonservice-connected Veterans enrolled as of January 16, 2003, and who have remained enrolled since that date ○ Subpriority e**: Noncompensable 0% service-connected Veterans applying for enrollment after January 16, 2003 ○ Subpriority g**: Nonservice-connected Veterans applying for enrollment after January 16, 2003

**** Note:** Veterans assigned to **Priority Groups 8e or 8g** are not eligible for enrollment as a result of the enrollment restriction which suspended enrolling new high-income Veterans who apply for care after January 16, 2003. Veterans enrolled in Priority Groups 8a or 8c will remain enrolled and eligible for the full-range of VA health care benefits.