



The Foreign Medical Program (FMP) and FMP Dental Benefits

What is the Foreign Medical Program (FMP)?

The FMP is a Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) health care benefits program for Veterans with service-connected disabilities who are traveling or residing outside of the United States.

FMP may furnish hospital care and medical services in foreign countries to those eligible Veterans, if necessary, for treatment of a service-connected disability or any disability associated with and held to be aggravating a service-connected disability.

Additionally, VA may authorize necessary foreign medical services for Veterans participating in the VA Vocational Rehabilitation Program (38 U.S.C. 31).

How do I enroll in the FMP?

To enroll in the FMP, the Veteran must complete a [VA Form 10-7959f-1](#), Foreign Medical Program Registration Form, and submit it to:

Veterans Health Administration
Foreign Medical Program
P.O. Box 469061
Denver, CO 80246-9061

Eligible Veterans will receive an FMP authorization letter that identifies the VA service-connected disabilities or rehabilitation status for authorized treatment.

What do I need to get a claim paid?

The FMP has a detailed fact sheet on this subject ([Fact Sheet 04-20: FMP Information for Outpatient Providers and Office Managers](#)) which can be viewed on our website at <https://www.va.gov/communitycare/programs/veterans/fmp/index.asp>

In general, submit a copy of the bill from the provider and a [VA Form 10-7959f-2](#), Claim Cover Sheet – Foreign Medical Program (FMP), to Veterans Health Administration (VHA) at the address listed above.

Do Veterans have to work through the U.S. Embassy or consulate to use the FMP?

No, while the Embassy and consulate staff can be helpful, claims for payment should be sent directly to VHA.

Do I need approvals for referrals to specialists or for diagnostic tests?

The FMP office does not issue preauthorization for foreign medical services. A copy of the medical documentation of treatment should be submitted to the FMP office to determine if the care was related to the service-connected disability.

What does FMP cover for a Veteran with a VA-rated service-connected dental condition?

Veterans with a service-connected, compensable dental disability or condition (Class I) are eligible for any dental care reasonably necessary to maintain oral health and masticatory function, including repeat care. Veterans who do not have a Class I designation may be eligible for dental care if they meet specific criteria.

For more information about service-connected designations, eligibility criteria, and associated benefits for dental services, please review Section 2 of the FMP Health Care Benefits Guide. This document can be viewed on the VHA website at https://www.va.gov/communitycare/docs/pubfiles/programguides/FMP_Guide.pdf#



How do I find a provider who will accept FMP payment for services?

FMP does not have contract providers. Under FMP, you may elect any health care provider who is licensed to provide the medical services you require. You may consider checking with the U.S. Embassy or Consulate staff, or the TRICARE office (if there is a military treatment facility nearby) to see if they are aware of local providers who will bill and accept payment from the VA FMP directly. If you seek treatment from a provider who will not bill us for services, you may pay the provider and then file for payment by submitting the bill and medical documentation to FMP.

Although Veterans may select medical providers of their choice, we recommend but do not require, that providers have the ability to produce medical documentation and billing statements in English. Claims or documents received in languages other than English will be sent for translation, which may delay processing. Regardless of language, all documentation and billing statements must be legible.

Payment for services is reimbursed in U.S. dollars based on the daily exchange rate for the date of service. Payment cannot be made in foreign currency.

How do I file a claim with the FMP?

The claim for a one-time dental exam should include the Veteran's DD-214, results of the examination and a treatment plan (if more than one visit is required). All claims should include the information noted below:

- **Veteran information:** full name, mailing address and Social Security Number
- **Provider information:** full name and title of provider, office address and phone number, and the billing address, if different from the mailing address
- **Dental claim (completed by provider):** diagnosis treated, description of service(s) rendered, billed charge for each service and date(s) of service

Send this information to the VHA mailing address listed below. For more detailed information on how to file a FMP claim, please refer to [Fact Sheet 04-02: How to File a Foreign Medical Program \(FMP\) Claim](#).

How do I get more information?

Mail: Veterans Health Administration
Foreign Medical Program
P.O. Box 469061
Denver, CO 80246-9061

Phone: 303-331-7590, Monday-Friday
8:05 a.m. to 6:45 p.m., Eastern Time

Fax: 303-331-7807

Email: HAC.FMP@va.gov

Website: [Foreign Medical Program](#)