2019 Copayment Rates
Effective date January 1, 2019

Outpatient Services *

Basic Care Services
services provided by a primary care clinician $15 / visit

Specialty Care Services
services provided by a clinical specialist such as surgeon, radiologist, audiologist, optometrist, cardiologist, and specialty tests such as magnetic resonance imagery (MRI), computerized axial tomography (CAT) scan, and nuclear medicine studies $50 / visit

* Copayment amount is limited to a single charge per visit regardless of the number of health care providers seen in a single day. The copayment amount is based on the highest level of service received. There is no copayment requirement for preventive care services such as screenings and immunizations.

Medications

Veterans in Priority Groups 2-8, for each 30-day or less supply of medication for treatment of nonservice-connected condition

Tier 1 drugs (preferred generics) $5
Tier 2 drugs (non-preferred generics) $8
Tier 3 drugs (brand name drugs) $11

(Veterans in Priority Groups 2 through 8 are limited to $700 annual cap)

NOTE: Veterans in Priority Group 1 do not pay for medications

Inpatient Services

Priority Group 8
Inpatient Copay for first 90 days of care during a 365-day period $1,364
Inpatient Copay for each additional 90 days of care during a 365-day period $682
Per Diem Charge $10/day

Priority Group 7
Inpatient Copay for first 90 days of care during a 365-day period $272.80
Inpatient Copay for each additional 90 days of care during a 365-day period $136.40
Per Diem Charge $2/day
Long-Term Care **

Nursing Home Care/Inpatient Respite Care/Geriatric Evaluation  maximum of $97/day
Adult Day Health Care/Outpatient Geriatric Evaluation Outpatient Respite Care  maximum of $15/day
Domiciliary Care  maximum of $5/day
Spousal Resource Protection Amount  $126,420

** Copayments for Long-Term Care services start on the 22nd day of care during any 12-month period—there is no copayment requirement for the first 21 days. Actual copayment charges will vary from Veteran to Veteran depending upon financial information submitted on VA Form 10-10EC.