



# VA Health Care CONTACT INFORMATION

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# **VA Health Care**

## **Benefits, Eligibility and Enrollment**

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# Comprehensive Benefits Package

## VA offers:

- Screening exams and treatment for: Depression, Substance Abuse, PTSD, TBI, Military Sexual Trauma, Environmental Exposures
- Primary Care/Preventive Care Services
- Inpatient and Outpatient Treatment
- Prescription Services
- My HealtheVet
- Other limited benefits
- A dedicated OEF/OIF/OND Case Management team



## Other Benefits

**You may also qualify for other benefits and services under certain circumstances:**

- Hearing Aids
- Eye Glasses
- Dental Care (Who is Eligible & Class II 180 days post separation)
- Non-VA Emergency Care
- Fee Based Care



# VA'S Women Veteran Health Care

- VA strives to provide the best health care for women Veterans, including:
  - Primary care and preventive health
  - Mental Health
  - Gynecology and Maternity care
  - Specialty care
- VA is equipped to deliver one-stop services in
- women's health clinics at many VA medical centers
- VA is rolling out enhanced primary care for women Veterans across the system



# PRIORITY GROUPS

- **Priority Group 1** - Rated service-connected disability is 50% or more.
- **Priority Group 2** - Rated serviced-connected disability is 30% or 40%.
- **Priority Group 3**
  - Former POWs.
  - Purple Heart recipients.
  - Discharge due to disability incurred or aggravated in line of duty.
  - Rated serviced-connected disability is 10- 20%.
  - Awarded special eligibility for a disability caused by treatment or vocational rehab.



# PRIORITY GROUPS 4 - 5

## ■ Priority Group 4

- Receiving aid and attendance or housebound benefits.
- Determined by VA to be catastrophically disabled.

## ■ Priority Group 5

- NSC and 0% Noncompensable SC veterans with income and net worth below established VA Means Test thresholds



# PRIORITY GROUPS 6

## ■ Priority Group 6

- Veterans seeking care for disorders associated with:
  - Exposure to herbicides while serving in Vietnam.
  - Exposure to ionizing radiation during atmospheric test or during occupation of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.
  - Veterans Who served in the Southwest Asia theater of operations from August 2, 1990 through November 11, 1998.
  - Veterans Who served in a theater of combat operations after November 11, 1998.
  - As follows.....

# Combat Veterans Eligibility for Enrollment And Medical Care

- Enhanced enrollment benefit for five (5) year period following military service separation.
- Served on active duty in theater of combat after November 11, 1998, received Imminent Danger or Hostile Fire pay. GWOT
- Copay exempt for care of any condition or conditions incurred or aggravated while in a theater of combat.



# PRIORITY GROUPS 7

- **Priority Group 7**
  - Veterans who agree to pay specified copayments with income and/or net worth above the VA Means Test threshold and income below the HUD geographic index.



# PRIORITY GROUPS

## ■ Priority Group 8

- Veterans who agree to pay specified copayments with income and/or net worth above the VA Means Test threshold and the HUD geographic index.
  - Subpriority a: Noncompensable 0% SC veterans enrolled as of January 16, 2003 and who have remained enrolled since that date.
  - Subpriority b: Enrolled on or after June 15, 2009 whose income Exceeds the current VA national income thresholds by 10% or less
  - Subpriority c: NSC veterans enrolled as of January 16, 2003 and who have remained enrolled since that date.
  - Subpriority e: Noncompensable 0% SC veterans applying for enrollment after January 16, 2003.
  - Subpriority g: NSC veterans applying for enrollment after January 16, 2003.

# PRIORITY GROUPS & CO-PAY

VA health care co-payments:

- Inpatient Priority Group 8 patients: \$1,184 for the 1<sup>st</sup> 90 days of care; \$592 for each additional 90 days + \$10 per day.
- Inpatient Priority Group 7 patients: \$236.80 for the 1<sup>st</sup> 90 days of care; \$118.80 for each additional 90 days + \$2 per day.
- Outpatient: Range \$0, \$15, or \$50 based on level of care.
- Medication: \$8 or \$9 per 30 days;
- Priority groups 2-6 (\$8)
- Priority groups 7-8 (\$9)
- Annual cap \$960 for priority groups 2-6



# Enrollment

## Application for Enrollment – 10-10EZ

- Obtain or submit on-line at [www.va.gov/elig](http://www.va.gov/elig)
- Enrollment letter sent notifying you of enrollment
- Mail or take application to your local VA Medical Center
- **Contact local VA to schedule an appointment**



## Reference Centers

If you have any questions concerning enrollment, eligibility and benefits in the continental USA or outside the country, you may contact the VA Health Benefits Service Center toll free at 1-877-222-VETS (8387), or via the Internet at [www.va.gov/health/elig](http://www.va.gov/health/elig)

VA San Diego Healthcare System

Health Benefits & Enrollment office at 858-552- 7523

Or 1-800-331-VETS (8387).



## REMEMBER THIS!

- 180 days from date of separation/discharge to file for dental
- Combat Vet receive 5 years of enhanced enrollment benefit from date of discharge.
- File your claim for SC disability ASAP.
- Applying for claim is not enrollment for health care.
- We are here to help!





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# Beneficiary Travel Overview

- VA is authorized to provide eligible Veterans mileage reimbursement or when medically indicated “special mode” (ambulance, wheelchair van) for travel to and from VA, or VA authorized health care
- Beneficiary Travel eligibility is based on SC, low income, or special eligibility, including:
  - Rating of 30 percent or more SC
  - Traveling for treatment of a SC condition
  - Receipt of a VA pension
  - Income does not exceed the maximum annual VA pension rate
  - Travel for a scheduled compensation or pension examination



## Eligibility Factor 2

- The National Guard or Reserve Veteran must have successfully completed the period of active duty service.





## Eligibility Factor 3

- The National Guard or Reserve Veteran must have been released / discharged from active service under conditions other than dishonorable. This discharge is also known as Character of Service.



## Eligibility Factor 3 (con't)

- Proof of federally activated military service, completion of activation and Character of Discharge will be found on the veteran's DD-214, military orders, or other official documents.





**For qualified National Guard and Reserve Personnel there are three categories considered for eligibility.**



- 1. Activated by federal order to a non-combat service area.**
- 2. Activated by federal order to a combat service area.**
- 3. Service Connected for an injury or condition caused or aggravated during military service.**



## **Activated by Federal Order to a Non- Combat Service Area**

- This veteran has the same eligibility benefits as veteran from the regular armed forces.



## **Activated by Federal Order to a Non-Combat Service Area**

- This veteran must complete an application for Health Benefits (VA Form 10-10EZ) including the financial information in the appropriate sections.



## **Activated by Federal Order to a Combat Service Area**

- If the veteran served on active duty in a theater of combat operations during a period of war after November 11, 1998 or in combat against a hostile force during a period of hostilities.



## **Activated by Federal Order to a Combat Service Area**

- The veteran must apply within two years of discharge / release from active duty to receive the Combat Veteran benefits.



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