



health care eligibility the same criteria will be used as are now applicable to determinations of service connection when there is no character of discharge bar.

**Reference:** M21-1 Part IV, Chapter 11 "Special Determinations and Administrative Decisions."

**Note:** Emergent treatment may be provided with a signed statement by the Veteran (may be on a VA Form 119, Report of Contact) that if s/he is subsequently found to be NOT Eligible for VA health care, they agree to pay the Humanitarian Rate for any emergent care or services provided while under this Pending Verification status.

For Further Information: Contact your local VA health care facility's Eligibility office or the Health Eligibility Center at 404-828-5257. This and other eligibility related fact sheets are available at <http://www.va.gov/healthbenefits/resources/publications.asp>.

**Authorities:** Title 38, United States Code, §5303(a); Pub. L. No. 95-126, §2; and Title 38, Code of Federal Regulations, §3.12.