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The VA Dental Insurance Program (VADIP) Frequently Asked Questions



What is the VA Dental Insurance Program?

The VA Dental Insurance Program (VADIP) offers eligible individuals the opportunity to purchase discounted insurance from private dental insurers.

What is the history of the program?

VADIP was established as a pilot program by the Caregivers and Veterans Omnibus Health Services Act of 2012. The pilot program, which began Jan. 1, 2014, and ended Jan. 31, 2017, assessed the feasibility and advisability of providing a premium-based dental insurance plan to eligible individuals. The VA Dental Insurance Reauthorization Act of 2016, allowed VA to extend VADIP until December 31, 2021. However, the Department of Veterans Affairs Expiring of Authorities Act of 2021 eliminated the termination date of December 31, 2021. VA will be able to provide dental insurance services indefinitely.

Who is eligible to participate in the program?

Veterans who are enrolled in the VA health care program and VA's Civilian Health and Medical Program (CHAMPVA) beneficiaries are eligible to participate in VADIP. Dependents of Veterans, except those eligible under CHAMPVA, are not eligible for VADIP; however, the insurance carriers may offer dependents separate coverage options.



For more
information
about VADIP.

What is the status of the program?

VA has selected Delta Dental of California and MetLife to offer private insurance coverage for VADIP. For more information, visit www.va.gov/healthbenefits/VADIP. Once enrollments begin, qualified individuals can enroll at any time — there is no specific enrollment period.

Does the program affect VA's existing dental coverage?

Participation in VADIP does not affect Veterans' eligibility for VA dental services and treatment.

What is CHAMPVA's role in this program?

CHAMPVA provides contracted insurance companies eligibility information. The insurance companies provide all other services.

Is there a cost to participate in the program?

Each participant will pay a fixed monthly premium for coverage, in addition to any copayments required by his or her plan.

What services are offered?

Multiple plan options will allow participants to select a plan that provides benefits and premiums that meet their dental needs and budget. The offered plans will vary and may include diagnostic, preventative, surgical, emergency and endodontic/restorative treatment.

Where can I receive treatment?

Coverage for VADIP dental services will be provided in the United States and its territories.

What if I travel or move?

Insurance providers will offer care nationwide. Enrolled individuals should coordinate with their provider in advance of their travel or move for information on coverage.

How do I get more information?

For more information on VADIP, visit www.va.gov/healthbenefits/VADIP.