

Veteran Health Identification Card

The Department of Veteran Affairs (VA) issues enrolled Veterans a Veteran Health Identification Card (VHIC) that eliminates the use of your Social Security Number (SSN). Your VHIC is like a typical health insurance ID card. It contains your Member ID, an expiration date, Plan ID and your name. Additional features on your VHIC include your branch of service, Electronic Data Interchange Personal Identifier (EDIPI) and features the letters "VA" in braille to assist our vision-impaired Veterans with identifying and using their card.



Don't have a VHIC?

You must be enrolled in the VA Health Care system to receive a card. We encourage you to apply for enrollment online at www.va.gov/health-care/apply/application/introduction, or in person at your local VA medical facility. Once your enrollment is verified, you can apply for a VHIC in person or online at <https://eauth.va.gov/accessva/>.

To apply online

Veterans can apply for a VHIC online at <https://eauth.va.gov/accessva/>. Authentication will be required using one of the following:

- ID.me,
- login.gov, or
- DS login.

After authentication has been completed, follow the steps provided on <https://eauth.va.gov/accessva/> to complete the VHIC request.

When applying for a VHIC outside of the US and US Territories

To apply for a VHIC when outside of the US and US Territories, complete the following:

1. On the Verify your Identity screen, select I don't live in the United States. You will be directed to join a video call with an ID.me Trusted Referee. Once routed to the Trusted Referee, users will need to physically present:
 - Two (2) primary identity documents, **OR**
 - One (1) primary and (2) two secondary identity documents.
2. ID.me supports international phone numbers for Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA). There is a drop-down option in MFA to select an international phone number.

A list of Primary and Secondary documents can be found at:

<https://help.id.me/hc/en-us/articles/360017833054-Primary-and-secondary-identification-documents>.

For more information on the VHIC, visit <https://www.va.gov/healthbenefits/vhic/>.