



# Veteran Health Identification Card

In 2014, VA began issuing enrolled Veterans a newly redesigned Veteran Health Identification Card (VHIC) that totally eliminates the use of a Veteran’s Social Security number (SSN). Similar to a typical health insurance card, the VHIC displays the Veteran’s Member ID and a Plan ID that reflects the Veteran’s enrollment in VA health care. The redesigned Veteran Health Identification Card (VHIC) should not be confused with the new Veteran ID Card (VIC), which will be offered to Veterans who do not have a VHIC, a retirement card issued by DoD or a driver’s license with a Veteran designation.



The redesigned VHIC not only eliminates use of a Veteran’s SSN, but also provides improved features, such as displaying the enrolled Veteran’s branch of service; embossing the letters “VA” in Braille for easier identification of vision-impaired Veterans and integration of DOD’s Electronic Interchange Personal Identifier (EDIPI) as an enrolled Veteran’s Member ID.

Enrolled Veterans may obtain a no-cost VHIC by going to their local VA medical facility’s VHIC processing office and presenting required identification information noted below. The VHIC is then mailed, usually within seven days.

<b>Primary Identification</b>
<b>Present ONE form of Primary Identification (Unexpired)</b>
Driver’s license
U.S. Passport or U.S. Passport Card
Other Government ID This ID can be issued by federal, state or local government agencies provided it contains a photograph, name, date of birth and address. If the address is not on the proofing document, the Veteran can provide separate documentation to confirm the address information in the proofing task. Acceptable address documents include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Electric bill</li> <li>• Cable bill</li> <li>• Other mailing document</li> <li>• Voters Registration card</li> </ul>

For more information on the VHIC, visit <https://www.va.gov/healthbenefits/vhic/> or call 1 877-222-VETS (8387).