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VA BENEFITS AND BASIC ELIGIBILITY

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OUR TIME TO SERVE

“To care for him who shall have borne the battle and for his widow and his orphan”



President Lincoln

Minority Veterans Program Coordinators (MVPC's , Who and where are we?)

- Interdepartmental program (App. 300 coordinators collaterally assigned within VHA, VBA and NCA)
- Principal advisor to the facility Director
- Support and initiate activities that educate and sensitize internal staff to the unique needs of minority veterans
- Target and participate in outreach activities, educational and informational forums utilizing community networks
- Assist the CMV in disseminating information

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Center for Minority Veterans **WHO WE SERVE**

- Specifically, these veterans include the following minority groups:
- Pacific Islander
- Asian American
- African American
- Hispanic/Latino
- Native American – including American Indian, Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian

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Goal and Commitment

- The primary goal of outreach initiatives is to increase local awareness of minority veterans issues
- Develop strategies for increasing participation of minority veterans into VA healthcare

BASIC ELIGIBILITY

- Discharged from active military service other than dishonorable.
- Served a minimum of 24 months if you entered after 9/7/1980 (enlisted) or after 10/16/1981 (officer).
- If a National Guardsman or Reservist, you were called to active duty (Presidential order) and served the entire period (not just for training purposes).
- Begin 1/16/2003, meet income tests.



Documentation

- VA will verify the veteran's eligibility by electronic method.
- VA will assist veteran in obtaining necessary documents if unable to verify.
- Acceptable documents:
- DD-214
- Certificate of Discharge

THIS IS AN IMPORTANT RECORD - SAVED CAREFULLY

BOOK 15 FACE 23

1. LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MIDDLE NAME
GOLDEN, ROBERT ALAN

2. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER
05 430 623

3. GRADE OR CLASS
CPT

4. DATE ENTERED SERVICE
3 OCT 69

5. DATE OF ENTRY INTO SERVICE
24 JUN 47

6. PLACE OF BIRTH (and State if in U.S.)
HUDSON, NEW YORK

7. ELEMENTARY SERVICE NUMBER
NA

8. STATION OR INSTALLATION WHERE EFFECTED
FORT BRAGG, NORTH CAROLINA 28307

9. REASON FOR SEPARATION
RELEASED FROM ACTIVE DUTY

10. TYPE OF CERTIFICATE ISSUED
HONORABLE

11. TYPE OF SERVICE
USAR CONT GP (STANDBY) RPAC ST LOUIS, MISSOURI

12. DATE OF ENTRY INTO SERVICE
3 OCT 67

13. PLACE OF ENTRY INTO SERVICE
FORT SILL, OKLAHOMA

14. SERVICE PERIOD

NO.	DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE	YEARS	MONTHS	DAYS
RD 1	GERMANTOWN, NEW YORK 12520	5	11	0
31193 (25 JUN 71)	SPEC FORC OFF	0	10	2
		6	9	2
		6	9	2
		0	11	22

15. REMARKS
NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL, VIETNAM SERVICE MEDAL, VIETNAM CAMPAIGN MEDAL, AIR MEDAL, PURPLE HEART, BRONZE STAR MEDAL W/V DEV, BRONZE STAR MEDAL (1ST OLC), PURPLE HEART (1ST OLC), PRCHT BADGE, RANGER TAB, SR. PRCHT BAD, SCUBA DIVER QUAL BAD,

16. ARTY OCS/25WKS/YES/67 RGR SCH #2 F2/9WKS/YES/71
JUNGLE OP/15/2WKS/YES/68 SF JUMPMASER CRS/2WKS/YES/71
FA OFF W/ GREEN/5WKS/YES/68 SFPOUC/5WKS/YES/72
ABN CL #20/3HRS/YES/71
SPEC/2WKS/YES/71

17. DATE ACQUIRED LEAVE PAID
NONE

18. VA BENEFIT NUMBER
NA

19. SERVICE MEMBER'S GROUP LIFE INSURANCE COVERAGE
NA

20. EDUCATION
COLLEGE (2 YEARS)
BLOOD TYPE O+

21. PERIOD OF APPLICABILITY FOR THIS FORM IS TO BE USED FROM 1964 TO 1973. (See instructions on back of form.)
SEE 21

22. TYPE, NAME, GRADE AND TITLE OF AUTHORIZING OFFICER
C.M. BABB 2LT AGC ASST AG

23. SIGNATURE OF MEMBER
Robert A. Golden

24. SIGNATURE OF OFFICER
C.M. Bab

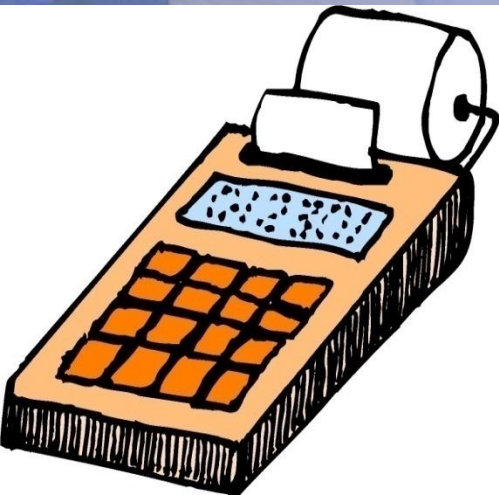
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Veteran's Health Administration Financial Assessment



What Is A Means Test? (Financial Assessment)

- Mechanism for identifying a veteran's ability to defray VA medical care costs.
- Assessment of the veteran's previous calendar year gross household income (less VA allowable deductible expenses) and assets. (VA 1010EZR)



Financial Assessment Population

Excludes:

- Compensable SC
- NSC pensioners
- POWs
- C&P exams
- Allied Beneficiaries
- Retired/discharge for disability
- Purple Heart recipients



Financial Assessment Population

Who is required to complete a Means Test?

- Includes:
 - NSC without special eligibility
 - Non-compensable 0% SC





PRINCIPLES

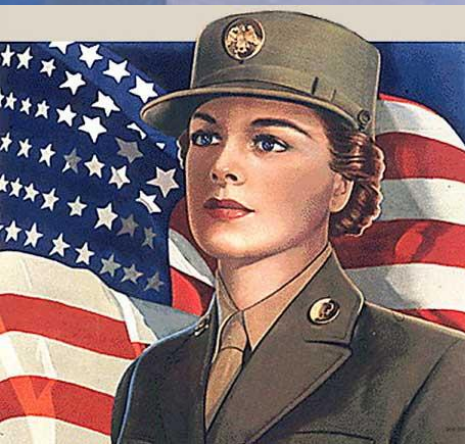
- Valid for 365 days.
- Required on the veteran's first visit and renewal needed the first visit following expiration of the Financial Assessment.
- May be accomplished before the anniversary date if completed in a new calendar year.



What Does the Financial Assessment Determination Mean to the Veteran?

- **Copay Exempt** - eligible for cost-free VA health care and/or medications.
- **Copay Required** - Veteran has agreed to pay the VA deductibles for visits and/or medications— Responsible for full copay for inpatient care and per diem for NSC conditions.

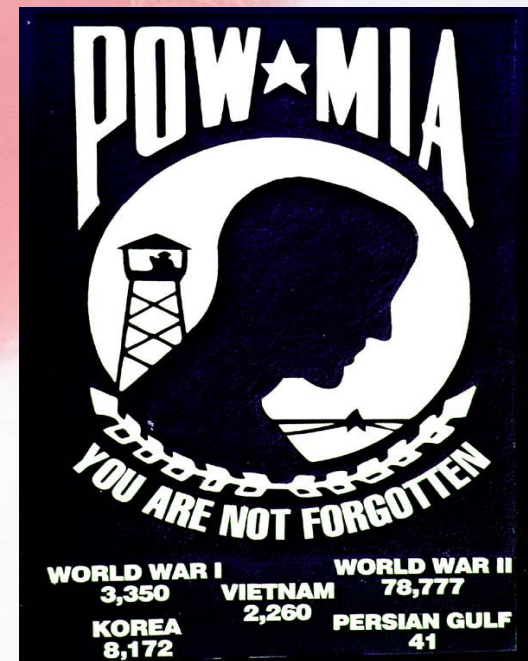
GMT Copay Required – Veteran has agreed to pay the VA deductibles (visits and medications). 20% of inpatient copay.



PRIORITY GROUPS

CRITERIA

1. Service Connection: 0%-100%
2. Income: \$12,256 - \$30,460
3. Special Categories: Purple Heart, POW, Environmental, VA Pensions, OEF-OIF, Catastrophically Dissabled



No co-payments for Visits

Priority Groups:

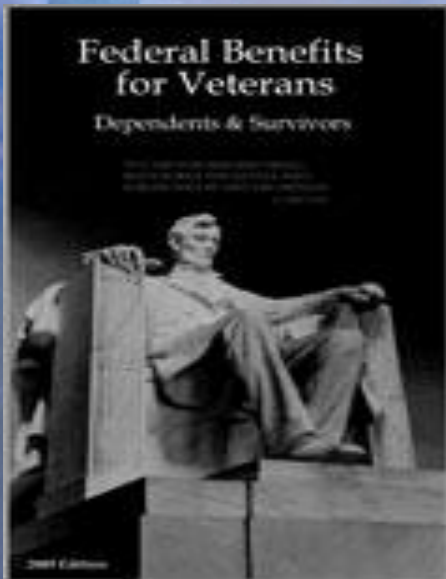
1. Rated 50% or higher.
2. Rated 30%-40%.
3. Rated 10%-20%, POW, Purple Heart.
4. Aid and Attendance, Catastrophically Disabled.
5. VA Pension, NSC below threshold.
6. Environmental – WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Gulf War, OIF-OEF Veterans.



Co-payments for Visits

Priority Groups:

7. Above threshold, below Geographical Means Test. (Must agree to pay)
8. Above threshold. (Cannot be enrolled)



← More information in Pamphlets

2011 INCOME THRESHOLDS (for Year 2012 Co-pays)

- For 2012 Co-pays, the Priority 7 thresholds are:
 - Veterans with no dependents: \$30,460
 - Veterans with 1 dependent: \$36,554
 - Veterans with 2 dependents: \$38,647
 - Income and Assets net worth \$80,000

If your net income minus *medical* (5%), educational, and funeral expenses is greater than the amounts listed above and your income and assets total are less than \$80,000, you must agree to pay a co-payment for your medical care.



Thresholds are subject to change annually.

MEDICAL SERVICES

Once Eligibility is established, the following medical services are available:

- Preventive services, including immunizations, screening tests, health education and training classes.
- Primary Health Care, including Diagnosis and Treatment.
- Surgery, including outpatient surgery.



MEDICAL SERVICES CONT.

- Mental Health and substance abuse treatment; Domiciliary.
- Home Health Care.
- Care Coordination Home Telehealth (CCHT).
- Respite, hospice care and palliative care.
- Urgent and limited emergency care services in VA facilities.
- Medications (as long as they have been prescribed by a provider employed by or under contract with the VA).



OTHER MEDICAL SERVICES

- Audio and Eye Exams: Open to all.
- Hearing Aides and Eyeglasses:
Limited eligibility:
 - **Priority 1-4** or
 - Service connected for hearing/vision.
 - Nursing Home resident of the VA.
 - Glasses broken or lost while under VA Care.
 - Based on medical determination by Primary Care Provider



NABV

THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
OF BLIND VETERANS

A DIVISION OF THE NFB

LIMITED MEDICAL SERVICES CONT

- Dental
 - Limited Eligibility:
 - You must be Service Connected for a dental condition
 - Or 100% Service Connected for any medical condition
 - Or former POW



LIMITED MEDICAL SERVICES CONT

- Dental
 - Limited Eligibility Cont:
 - Or Veterans who were not provided treatment within 90 days before separation and request care within 180 days from separation
 - Or have a Service Connected condition that requires medication with dental side effects (determined by the VA dental professionals)
 - Or Medical necessity



BENEFITS FOR OEF/OIF VETERANS

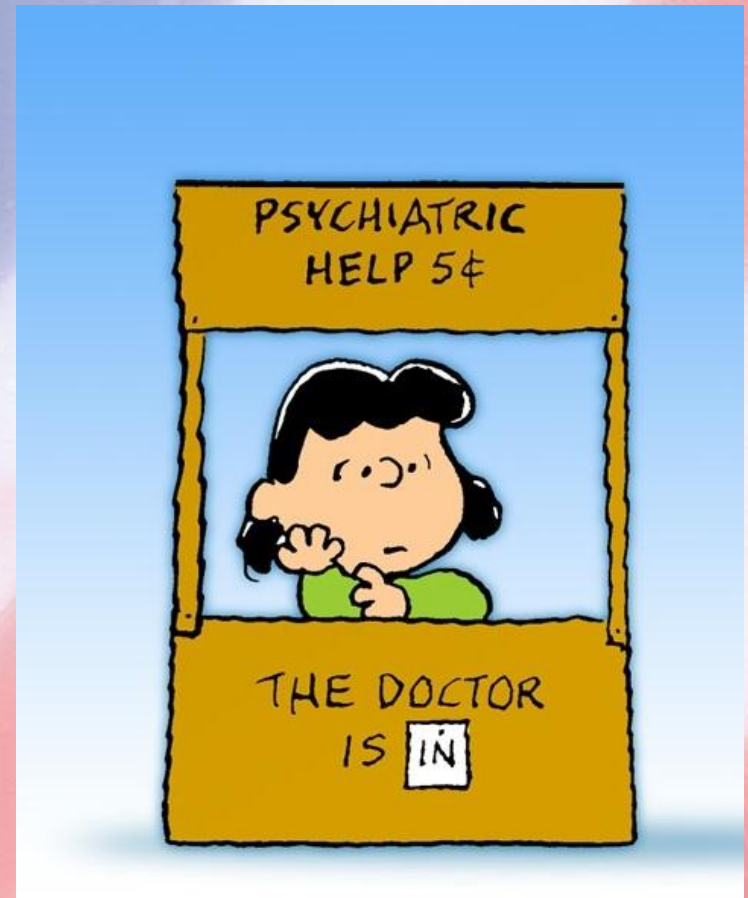
- Seamless Transition Case Management:

Case managers at each campus will assist with questions, concerns and navigating the VA system.



Mental Health Services

- Depression
- Anxiety
- PTSD
- Grief/loss
- Substance abuse
- Adjustment to illness
- Interpersonal/life stress



PATIENT EDUCATION CLASSES

- Diabetes care
- High blood pressure care
- Healthy Heart class
- Lung disease class
- Stop Smoking class
- Healthy eating and exercise classes
- Aural Rehabilitation Class



VA Services are a Benefit

IT IS NOT HEALTH INSURANCE

**YOU ARE COVERED FOR
LIFE**

**MEETS REQUIREMENT OF LAW TO
HAVE HEALTH INSURANCE**

Millennium (MILL) Bill Emergent Care 38 USC 1725

- VA can authorize payment if veteran is:
- Financially Liable
- Enrolled and receiving care (24 Months)
- VA last resort payer
- Veteran has no other coverage
- VA facilities were not available
- Life threatening emergency
- No preference over VA facility
- Payment up to medical stabilization of veteran

VETERANS ID CARD (VIC)

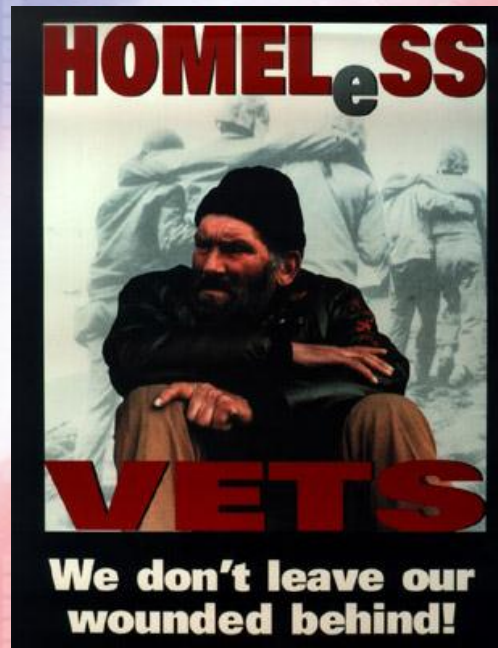
- All Veterans need to get a new card. The Social Security Number and date of birth are no longer shown on the card.



- Your VIC can be presented at any VA across the nation. With your card, other VA facilities will have easier (but not instant) access to receive information regarding your eligibility status.

HOMELESS VETERANS PROGRAM

- Provides comprehensive medical, psychological and rehabilitation treatment for eligible veterans.
- VA domiciliaries
- Community based “Stand Downs”





MyHealthVet



www.myhealth.va.gov

New Patient Orientation

My Health, My Care: 24/7 ^{Online} Access to VA



Created: January 2010 – John Royall



CHAMPVA



- CHAMPVA is available to beneficiaries of all 100% service connected veterans.
- Provides medical care in civilian settings and in some cases at VA hospitals.
 - **The Orlando VA Medical Center is not enrolling CHAMPVA patients at this time.**

VHA HEALTHCARE OVERVIEW

ORLANDO VA MEDICAL CENTER



New Orlando VA Medical Center

- **Groundbreaking was in October, 2008**
- **Expected opening is Summer of 2013**
- **State of the art Medical Center**



134 bed hospital, 120 bed Community Living Center, 60 bed Domiciliary, and a large Ambulatory Care Facility

AND FINALLY...



QUESTIONS?

