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Eligibility and Benefits

Every year VA publishes a booklet, *Department of Veterans Affairs Health Care Overview*, which contains up-to-date information on eligibility, enrollment, and VA health care benefits. This booklet explains eligibility and health benefits for all Veterans. You got a copy of this booklet when you enrolled in VA health care. You can also download a copy of the booklet at: <http://www.va.gov/healtheligibility/library/pubs/healthcareoverview>.

It is a very helpful booklet, and we encourage you to refer to it whenever you have questions about your eligibility for specific health care benefits. It also provides answers to frequently asked questions about eligibility and benefits.

Here are the topics in the booklet:

- **Online access to VA health information and services** using My HealthVet
- **Eligibility and medical program benefits**
 - Basic eligibility
 - Minimum duty requirements
 - Women Veterans eligibility
 - Readjustment counseling services
 - Suicide prevention lifeline
 - Medically related travel benefits
- **VA health care enrollment**
 - Enrollment restriction
 - Recently discharged combat Veterans
 - Financial assessment (Means testing)
 - Catastrophically disabled
 - Income verification
 - Financial hardships
 - Veterans identification card
 - Updating your information
 - Private health insurance
 - Insurance collections
 - Medicare Part D prescription drug coverage

- **Priority Groups**
 - Priority Group 8 enrollment relaxation
- **Co-pays**
 - Types of co-pays—outpatient, medication, inpatient, long-term care
 - Veterans who are not required to make co-pays
 - Services exempt from inpatient and outpatient co-pays
- **Acute care benefits**
 - Standard benefits—preventive care services, outpatient diagnostic and treatment services, inpatient diagnostic and treatment services, prescription drugs
 - Limited benefits—emergency care, ambulance services, dental care, durable medical equipment, eyeglasses, hearing aids
 - General exclusions
 - VA foreign medical program
- **Long-term care benefits**
 - Standard benefits
 - Financial assessment for long-term care services
 - Limited benefits
- **Additional VA health benefits for dependents and survivors.**

To get more information on VA health care eligibility and benefits, call toll-free (877) 222-VETS [8387].