



Why Enroll; Why File a Claim

VA Health Care enrollment is easy and free, and health care may be free as well.

Help other Veterans: VA funding is partially based on enrollment numbers; health data could impact future legislation.

Veteran trust in VA health care is above 93%.

Being dually enrolled is dually insured, you can use your current plan and VA benefits. Fill gaps in coverage. May lessen co-pays, including prescriptions.

Increased access to medical devices and Durable Medical Equipment (DME).

File a health-related compensation claim, and access other benefits.

Veterans and their survivors **could be eligible** for previously denied compensation.

Current **VA disability rating** and monthly compensation could increase, especially for Veterans with dependents.

Discharge status may be upgraded.

Receive updates on eligibility & other notices.

Prepare for life changes. Do it for your family.

Visit va.gov/PACT for the latest information.

[COMPACT Act](#): No cost emergent suicide care.

[PACT Act](#): A new law, and the most significant expansion and extension of Veteran benefits, eligibility, and care in 30+ years. *Those previously denied for benefits should reapply.*

Contact your County VA Office and Veteran Service Officers. They provide accredited claims services (Health Care and other benefits) for Veterans and their families, at **no charge**.

Find your County VA Office and Veteran Service Officers at michigan.gov/vso, scan this QR code,



Or dial **1-800-MICH-VET**

mcrh.msu.edu/programs/Veterans-Care



Working with Veteran Service Officers (VSO's)

VSO's help Veterans understand and apply for VA benefits



- **VA Healthcare Enrollment**
- **File a Claim**
- **Apply for Other Benefits**
- **Additional Support**
- **15 Things VSOs Want You to Know**
- **Fraud and Scams**

VSOs work on behalf of Veterans, their dependents and survivors, **at no cost**.



VSOs are trained and certified in VA claims and appeals processes. VSOs can help you understand and apply for VA benefits, such as:

- Health care
- Compensation for service-connected injury
- Pension (also for widows)
- Dependency Indemnity Compensation
- Caregiver support
- Life insurance
- Burial benefits
- Home loans
- Education
- Veteran Readiness and Employment (VR&E)

VSO Additional Support:

- Help gather supporting documents (such as military records and doctor's reports.)
- Assist with emergencies, housing, mental health, and transportation to VA medical appointments.
- Note: *If your claim has a clear factual or legal error, your VSO can request a faster Higher-Level Review decision via a pilot program called Claim Accuracy Request (CAR).*

Go to psycharmor.org and check out this 15-minute video: *15 Things Veteran Service Officers Want You to Know.*



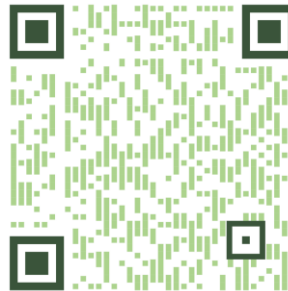
As of 2024 — More Veterans are Eligible for VA Health Care

How to Enroll in VA Healthcare

- **In Person** at a VA medical center or clinic.
- **Mail** a completed [VA Form 10-10EZ](#).
- **With VSO** assistance.
- **Phone** the Health Eligibility Center (HEC) (877) 222-8387 • Mon-Fri, 8:00-8:00 EST (If more than a week passes after applying, with no response, call again.)
- **Online** is also an option.

Less than 50% of Veterans are connected to all their earned military benefits. Connection to benefits saves lives and improves quality of life. *Spread the word and help connect those who have served.*

Download a copy of the Health Care Benefits Overview, 2026 Edition, Vol. 1:



va.gov/healthbenefits/resources/epublications.asp

FRAUD AND SCAMS VETERANS BEWARE

Veterans and their families are targeted by scammers at higher rates than non-Veterans.

Veterans are twice as likely to fall victim to fraudsters. Veterans tend to be more trusting of those they believe to be fellow members of the military, making them vulnerable to fraud. (39% of Veterans have received solicitations from scammers posing as the VA.)

Veterans, be wary of PACT Act scammers. The VA, American Legion, VFW, FBI, and AARP are warning Veterans of scammers looking to cash in on their benefits. Email phishing, phone calls and social media scams targeting Veterans have increased significantly. Scams promise to help access benefits, **but for a charge.**

Veterans do NOT need to pay for assistance to secure PACT Act, or any other benefits.

Veterans and their family's losses to fraud:

Year	Millions	Losses are likely higher as many victimizations are unreported. 27% of Veterans lost money to scams, most losses exceeded \$500.
2020	\$102	
2021	\$257	
2022	\$414	
2024	\$583	
2025	\$685	

Prevent Caregiver Fraud. Hire home care wisely and protect against financial abuse.

Visit the AARP Veterans Fraud Center
aarp.org/lp/vets-fraud-center/