North Florida/South Georgia Veterans Health System

Applying for Veterans Health Care:

Please read the instructions within this <u>Application for</u> <u>Health Benefits Form, 10-10EZ</u>. Complete all information that applies to you and your dependents.

If you have a copy of your DD214, please include it in the 10-10EZ application packet.

Use the attached self-addressed envelope to return your completed application to:

VA Medical Center 1601 SW Archer Road – 136A Gainesville, FL 32608

Or return your completed form to your local VA health care facility.

~Failure to complete the entire packet could cause a delay in processing~



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Department of Veterans Affairs Quick Facts - Did You Know?

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The "VA" is comprised of three separate and distinct branches:

- 1. The Veterans Health Administration (VHA) offers health care benefits.
- 2. The Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) offers compensation benefits.
- 3. National Cemetery Administration (NCA).

Did You Know?

VA offers eligible Veterans a comprehensive health care plan, known as VA's Medical Benefits Package. Once enrolled, Veterans who qualify for VA's health care plan will be categorized as either co-pay exempt or co-pay required, based on their individual eligibility status.

Veterans may apply for enrollment on-line, to determine if they qualify. http://www.northflorida.va.gov/ (Click on – "Become a Patient")

Did You Know?

VA health care facilities vary in size and the type of services available.

- 1. <u>VA Medical Centers (VAMCs).</u> Offer the widest array of services, which includes outpatient care (primary care and specialty care), Emergency Department care and hospital (inpatient) care.
- 2. Outpatient clinics (OPCs). Offer outpatient care (primary care and specialty care) and urgent care.
- 3. Community-based outpatient clinics (CBOCs). Offer primary care and limited specialty care.
- 4. Rural health clinics (RHCs). Focus on providing primary care.

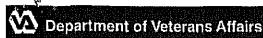
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- 1. Malcom Randall (Gainesville) VA Medical Center
- 2. Lake City VA Medical Center
- 3. Jacksonville VA OPC
- 4. Tallahassee VA OPC
- 5. The Villages VA OPC
- 6. Lecanto VA CBOC
- 7. St. Augustine VA CBOC
- 8. Valdosta VA CBOC (Georgia)
- 9. Ocala CBOC
- 10. Marianna VA CBOC
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- 12 Palatka VA CBOC
- 13. Waycross VA Rural Health Clinic (Georgia)

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING ENROLLMENT APPLICATION FOR HEALTH BENEFITS

Please Read Before You Start . . . What is VA Form 10-10EZ used for?

For Veterans to apply for enrollment in the VA health care system. The information provided on this form will be used by VA to determine your eligibility for medical benefits and on average will take 30 minutes to complete. This includes the time it will take to read instructions, gather the necessary facts and fill out the form.

Where can I get help filling out the form and if I have questions?

You may use ANY of the following to request assistance:

- Ask VA to help you fill out the form by calling us at 1-877-222-VETS (8387).
- Access VA's website at http://www.va.gov and select "Contact the VA."
- Contact the Enrollment Coordinator at your local VA health care facility.
- · Contact a National or State Veterans Service Organization.

Definitions of terms used on this form:

SERVICE-CONNECTED (SC): A VA determination that an illness or injury was incurred or aggravated in the line of duty, in the active military, naval or air service.

COMPENSABLE: A VA determination that a service-connected disability is severe enough to warrant monetary compensation. NONCOMPENSABLE: A VA determination that a service-connected disability is not severe enough to warrant monetary compensation.

NONSERVICE-CONNECTED (NSC): A Veteran who does not have a VA determined service-related condition.

Getting Started:

ALL VETERANS MUST COMPLETE SECTIONS I - III.

Directions for Sections I - III:

Section 1 - General Information: Answer all questions.

Section II - Military Service Information: If you are not currently receiving benefits from VA, you may attach a copy of your discharge or separation papers from the military (such as DD-214 or, for WWII Veterans, a "WD" Form), with your signed application to expedite processing of your application. If you are currently receiving benefits from VA, we will cross-reference your information with VA data.

Section III - Insurance Information: Include information for all health insurance companies that cover you, this includes coverage provided through a spouse or significant other. Bring your insurance cards, Medicare and/or Medicaid card with you to each health care appointment.

Directions for Sections IV-VI:

Financial Disclosure: ONLY NSC AND 0% NONCOMPENSABLE SC VETERANS MUST COMPLETE THIS SECTION TO DETERMINE ELIGIBILITY AND COPAY RESPONSIBILITY FOR VA HEALTH CARE ENROLLMENT AND/OR CARE OR SERVICES.

Financial Disclosure Requirements Do Not Apply To:

- · a former Prisoner of War; or
- · those in receipt of a Purple Heart; or
- · a recently discharged Combat Veteran; or
- · those discharged for a disability incurred or aggravated in the line of duty; or
- · those receiving VA SC disability compensation; or
- · those receiving VA pension; or
- · those in receipt of Medicaid benefits; or
- those who served in Vietnam between January 9, 1962 and May 7, 1975; or
- those who served in SW Asia during the Gulf War between August 2, 1990 and November 11, 1998; or
- those who served at least 30 days at Camp Lejeune between August 1, 1953 and December 31, 1987.

You are not required to disclose your financial information; however, VA is not currently enrolling new applicants who decline to provide their financial information unless they have other qualifying eligibility factors. If a financial assessment is not used to determine your priority for enrollment you may choose not to disclose your information. However, if a financial assessment is used to determine your eligibility for cost-free medication, travel assistance or waiver of the travel deductible, and you do not disclose your financial information, you will not be eligible for these benefits.

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Section IV - Dependent Information: Include the following:

- Your spouse even if you did not live together, as long as you contributed support last calendar year.
- Your biological children, adopted children, and stepchildren who are unmarried and under the age of 18, or at least 18 but under 23 and attending high school, college or vocational school (full or part-time), or became permanently unable to support themselves before age 18.
- · Child support contributions. Contributions can include tuition or clothing payments or payments of medical bills.

Section V - Previous Calendar Year Gross Annual Income of Veteran, Spouse and Dependent Children. Report:

- Gross annual income from employment, except for income from your farm, ranch, property or business. Include your wages, bonuses, tips, severance pay and other accrued benefits and your child's income information if it could have been used to pay your household expenses.
- · Net income from your farm, ranch, property, or business.
- Other income amounts, including retirement and pension income, Social Security Retirement and Social Security Disability income, compensation benefits such as VA disability, unemployment, Workers and black lung, cash gifts, interest and dividends, including tax exempt earnings and distributions from Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs) or annuities.

Do Not Report:

Donations from public or private relief, welfare or charitable organizations; Supplemental Security Income (SSI)and need-based payments from a government agency; profit from the occasional sale of property; income tax refunds, reinvested interest on Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs); scholarships and grants for school attendance; disaster relief payments; reimbursement for casualty loss; loans; Radiation Compensation Exposure Act payments; Agent Orange settlement payments; Alaska Native Claims Settlement Acts Income, payments to foster parent; amounts in joint accounts in banks and similar institutions acquired by reason of death of the other joint owner; Japanese ancestry restitution under Public Law 100-383; cash surrender value of life insurance; lump-sum proceeds of life insurance policy on a Veteran; and payments received under the Medicare transitional assistance program.

Section VI - Previous Calendar Year Deductible Expenses.

Report non-reimbursed medical expenses paid by you or your spouse. Include expenses for medical and dental care, drugs, eyeglasses, Medicare, medical insurance premiums and other health care expenses paid by you for dependents and persons for whom you have a legal or moral obligation to support. Do not list expenses if you expect to receive reimbursement from insurance or other sources. Report last illness and burial expenses, e.g., prepaid burial, paid by the Veteran for spouse or dependent(s).

Section VII - Submitting your application.

- 1. Read Paperwork Reduction and Privacy Act Information, Section VIII Consent to Copays and Assignment of Benefits.
- 2. In Section VIII, you or an individual to whom you have delegated your Power of Attorney must sign and date the form. If you sign with an "X", 2 people you know must witness you as you sign. They must sign the form and print their names. If the form is not signed and dated appropriately, VA will return it for you to complete.
- 3. Attach any continuation sheets, a copy of supporting materials and your Power of Attorney documents to your application.

Where do I send my application?

Mail the original application and supporting materials to the Health Eligibility Center, 2957 Clairmont Road, Suite 200 Atlanta, GA 30329.

PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT AND PRIVACY ACT INFORMATION

The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 requires us to notify you that this information collection is in accordance with the clearance requirements of Section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. We may not conduct or sponsor, and you are not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB number. We anticipate that the time expended by all individuals who must complete this form will average 30 minutes. This includes the time it will take to read instructions, gather the necessary facts and fill out the form.

Privacy Act Information: VA is asking you to provide the information on this form under 38 U.S.C. Sections 1705,1710, 1712, and 1722 in order for VA to determine your eligibility for medical benefits. Information you supply may be verified from initial submission forward through a computer-matching program. VA may disclose the information that you put on the form as permitted by law. VA may make a "routine use" disclosure of the information as outlined in the Privacy Act systems of records notices and in accordance with the VHA Notice of Privacy Practices. Providing the requested information is voluntary, but if any or all of the requested information is not provided, it may delay or result in denial of your request for health care benefits. Failure to furnish the information will not have any effect on any other benefits to which you may be entitled. If you provide VA your Social Security Number, VA will use it to administer your VA benefits. VA may also use this information to identify Veterans and persons claiming or receiving VA benefits and their records, and for other purposes authorized or required by law.

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SUPPLEMENT TO VA FORM 10-10EZ

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