

**In this section**

If you qualify for VA health care, you'll receive coverage for the services you need to help you get—and stay—healthy. Learn more about your health care benefits.

## What care and services does VA health care cover?

Each Veteran's medical benefits package is unique. Yours will include care and services to help:

- Treat illnesses and injuries
- Prevent future health problems
- Improve your ability to function
- Enhance your quality of life

All Veterans receive coverage for most care and services, but only some will qualify for added benefits like dental care. The full list of your covered benefits depends on:

- Your priority group, **and**
- The advice of your VA primary care provider (your main doctor, nurse practitioner, or physician's assistant), **and**
- The medical standards for treating any health conditions you may have

[Learn more about priority groups \(https://www.va.gov/health-care/eligibility/priority-groups/\).](https://www.va.gov/health-care/eligibility/priority-groups/)

You should also know that being signed up for VA health care meets your Affordable Care Act (ACA) health coverage requirement of having “minimum essential health coverage.” We'll update this site if the ACA changes with new laws.

[Learn more about the ACA, VA, and you \(https://www.va.gov/health/aca/FAQ.asp\).](https://www.va.gov/health/aca/FAQ.asp)

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**Note:** We want to make sure you understand how we use and disclose your medical information and how to access your information yourself. [Download our notice of privacy practices \(PDF\)](#).  
([https://www.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub\\_ID=1090](https://www.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub_ID=1090)).

## What if I'm just separating from active duty and don't know where to start?

We can help you learn about and apply for VA health care benefits. A member of our Concierge for Care (C4C) team will call you soon after your separation from military service. We can answer any questions you may have, process your application over the phone, and help you schedule your first VA medical appointment.

[Learn about transitioning from TRICARE to VA health care](#)  
([https://www.va.gov/HEALTHBENEFITS/apply/active\\_duty.asp](https://www.va.gov/HEALTHBENEFITS/apply/active_duty.asp)).

## More about your medical benefits package

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What basic health care services does VA cover? +

What other medical services will VA cover to support my treatment? +

Will VA cover any non-medical services to support my treatment? +

How do I get help if I don't speak English or need American Sign Language services? +

Will VA cover my vision care? +

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Will VA cover my dental care?



Will VA cover my assisted living and home health care?



What services aren't covered under VA health care?



Will VA fill prescriptions by a non-VA provider?



Will I have a copay or is my VA health care free?



Who will care for me at VA?



Where will I go to get care?



How will VA health care work if I also have Medicare, Medicaid, or private insurance?



Can I use VA health care along with an Indian Health Service or Tribal Health plan?



What if I need help accessing services?



Can I manage my VA health and benefits online?



## Related benefits you may qualify for

### [Disability benefits \(https://www.va.gov/disability\)](https://www.va.gov/disability)

Have an illness or injury that was caused—or made worse—by your active-duty service? Find out if you can get disability compensation (monthly payments) from VA.

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