

# Veteran Eligibility and Enrollment



# Priority Groups

## **Priority Group 1:**

- Rated Service Connected (SC) disability 50% or more
- No copayments for services

## **Priority Group 2:**

- Rated SC Disability 30% - 40%
- No copayments for disabilities

## **Priority Group 3:**

- Purple Heart
- Discharged due to a disability that was incurred or aggravated in the line of duty
- 10% - 20% SC Disabilities
- No copayments for disabilities

## Priority Groups (cont.)

### **Priority Group 4:**

- Receiving aid and attendance or housebound benefits
- Determined by VA to be Catastrophically Disabled
- No copayments for treatment rendered at the VA

### **Priority Group 5:**

- Income below national threshold set by Congress on 1/17/2003
- Copayments for medications only \$5, \$8, or \$11
- Income below Pension threshold NO COPAYMENTS for treatment at the VA

### **Priority Group 6:**

- Combat Veterans (OEF/OIF - 5 years free combat related health care treatment)
- Camp Lejeune Veteran (Water Contamination)
- Vietnam Veterans (Agent Orange Contamination)
- Persian Gulf Veterans (SW Asia)
- No copayments for services related to Agent Orange, SW Asia, Camp Lejeune.

## Priority Groups (cont.)

### **Priority Group 8: (A, B, C, D)**

- Copayments:
- \$5, \$8, or \$11 for Medication
- \$15 for doctor visits
- \$50 for specialty treatments such as X-Rays, MRI

### **Priority Group 8 (E):**

- Non-compensable 0% SC Veterans applying for enrollment after January 16, 2003 (can be treated for SC disabilities only)

### **Priority Group 8 (G):**

- NSC Veterans applying for enrollment after January 16, 2003 income exceeds national threshold standards
- Not eligible for treatment through the VA

# Dental Eligibility

Veterans may be eligible for dental benefits if they are:

- Service Connected at 100%
- Veteran is determined VA Unemployable
- Service Connected for a dental condition (9900 series code)
- Within 180 days of discharge from military, if indicated on DD214
- Homeless
- Enrolled in Vocational Rehabilitation (emergency treatment)

# Veterans Health Identification Card (VHIC)

- The VHIC is only for identification of those who are eligible/registered for health care and is used when Veterans check into appointments
- The card is not an insurance card and does not authorize or pay for care at non-VA facilities

Note: COVID-19 has limited Veteran access to the facility. ID cards are being processed upon request.



# Travel Eligibility

## Veterans

- SC 30% or more for all conditions
- Traveling in connection with care for SC disability, 10% - 20%
- In receipt of VA pension
- Projected income in travel year does not exceed maximum VA pension rate
- Travel for C&P exam

# Means Test Update or Demographics Update

- Online at [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov)
- Complete 10-10EZR and fax to (803)695-6835
- Mail to: Columbia VA Health Care System  
ATTN: Eligibility/Enrollment (136B)  
6439 Garners Ferry Rd.  
Columbia, SC 29209
- Submit through your MyHealtheVet account
- Call the Health Eligibility Center and submit over the phone (404)828-5257



# Questions

