Attention All Veterans
Not Enrolled in VA Care

You may be able to get VA health care benefits if you served in the active military, naval, or air service and didn’t receive a dishonorable discharge.

If you enlisted after September 7, 1980, or entered active duty after October 16, 1981, you must have served 24 continuous months or the full period for which you were called to active duty, unless any of the descriptions below are true for you.

This minimum duty requirement may not apply if any of these are true. You:

- Were discharged for a disability that was caused—or made worse—by your active-duty service, or
- Were discharged for a hardship or “early out,” or
- Served prior to September 7, 1980

If you’re a current or former member of the Reserves or National Guard, you must have been called to active duty by a federal order and completed the full period for which you were called or ordered to active duty. Active-duty for training purposes doesn’t qualify.

Please note: You may not be eligible for VA care if you received an other than honorable, bad conduct, or dishonorable discharge.

Veterans may have enhanced eligibility status if they have met at least one of the requirements below:

- Receive financial compensation (payments) from VA for a service-connected disability
- Were discharged for a disability resulting from something that happened to you in the line of duty
- Were discharged for a disability that got worse in the line of duty
- Are a recently discharged Combat Veteran
- Get a VA pension
- Are a former Prisoner of War (POW)
- Have received a Purple Heart
- Get (or qualify for) Medicaid benefits
- Served in Vietnam between January 9, 1962, and May 7, 1975
- Served in Southwest Asia during the Gulf War between August 2, 1990, and November 11, 1998
- Served at least 30 days at Camp Lejeune between August 1, 1953, and December 31, 1987

If none of the above apply to you, you may still qualify for care based on your income. Visit http://nationalincomelimits.vaftl.us/ to learn more. Income no longer includes net worth; only gross household income is required.

It’s Easy to Apply!

1. Visit www.vets.gov to apply on-line
2. Call 1-877-222-VETS (M—F 8a-8p)
3. Visit any VA facility and ask to receive the 10-10EZ Application for Medical Benefits
4. Visit a Veteran County Service Officer or other Accredited Service Officer www.michiganveterans.com/
5. Contact Eligibility at the Aleda E. Lutz VA in Saginaw: 1-800-406-5143, Ext. 13120 or 13121

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