

Why Enroll in VA Health Care?

We are the EXPERTS – VETERANS HELPING VETERANS.

The VA goes BEYOND Health Care – we are aware of ALL the programs that are available to you as a Veteran in a one stop shop and can guide and assist you through many issues. We document where you have been deployed to, things you may have been exposed to for future reference. For example - some diseases develop 30 years after exposure to Agent Orange.

Body armor, sand storms, miles in a vehicle, it can take a toll. Even if you feel fit, you should schedule a primary care appointment to ensure that your deployment will not have an adverse effect on your long-term health.

If you have recently returned from an active duty combat deployment, you have 5 years of FREE combat related Health Care. (Even if it's been longer than 5 years, still check us out).

Many colleges require you to carry health insurance and accept VA Health Care as “creditable coverage”. Enrollment in the VA health care system also meets requirements of the new Affordable Care ACT. There is no cost to apply. Enroll once – comprehensive health care services will be available when and where you need them. Remain enrolled, even if you don't use VA for your health care.

Upon exiting service, Veterans sometimes report difficulties with memory, concentration, irritability, or the feeling that something has changed since deployment. This can run contrary to your educational & career goals. If you note any difficulties in these areas, VA staff can help. VA also offers couples counseling. We are the experts on Mental Health treatment for Veterans.

If you are thinking about or have filed a Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) claim, VA Health Care can provide you the medical treatment you need and help you establish the medical documentation needed for VBA claims.

How to Apply for VA Health Care:

Download the application at <http://www.va.gov/healthbenefits/apply/> and bring it and your DD214 to the nearest VA Health Clinic. (1504 Springhill Ave. in Mobile Alabama, or 790 Veterans Way in Pensacola Florida, or 100 Veterans Way at Eglin, or 101 Vernon Ave in Panama City, or 400 Veterans Avenue in Biloxi Mississippi).

How to Make an Appointment for VA Health Care:

Once enrolled, Veterans schedule an appointment with our Primary Care Team for a basic exam. Next, the Primary Care Team coordinates appropriate treatment. Our call center operates from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday to help you schedule the initial and follow-up appointments. Here are local and toll-free numbers for each Gulf Coast VA Clinic:

Biloxi: 228-523-5000, 800-296-8872
Mobile: 251-219-3900, 888-201-0110
Pensacola: 850-912-2000, 866-927-1420
Eglin: 850-609-2600, 866-520-7359
Panama City: 850-636-7000, 888-231-5047

Gulf Coast Veterans Health Care System: www.biloxi.va.gov