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Enrollment Priority Groups

Today's Veterans have a comprehensive medical benefits package, which VA administers through an annual patient enrollment system. The enrollment system is based on priority groups to ensure health care benefits are readily available to all enrolled Veterans. Complementing the expansion of benefits and improved access is our ongoing commitment to providing the very best in quality service. Our goal is to ensure our patients receive the finest quality health care regardless of the treatment program, regardless of the location. Enrollment in the VA health care system provides Veterans with the assurance that comprehensive health care services will be available when and where they are needed during that enrollment period.

Priority Group	Definition
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Veterans with VA-rated service-connected disabilities 50% or more disabling• Veterans determined by VA to be unemployable due to service-connected conditions
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Veterans with VA-rated service-connected disabilities 30% or 40% disabling
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Veterans who are Former Prisoners of War (POWs)• Veterans awarded a Purple Heart medal• Veterans whose discharge was for a disability that was incurred or aggravated in the line of duty• Veterans with VA-rated service-connected disabilities 10% or 20% disabling• Veterans awarded special eligibility classification under Title 38, U.S.C., § 1151, "benefits for individuals disabled by treatment or vocational rehabilitation"• Veterans awarded the Medal Of Honor (MOH)
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Veterans who are receiving aid and attendance or housebound benefits from VA• Veterans who have been determined by VA to be catastrophically disabled
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nonservice-connected Veterans and noncompensable service-connected Veterans rated 0% disabled by VA with annual income and/or net worth below the VA national income threshold and geographically-adjusted income threshold for their resident location• Veterans receiving VA pension benefits• Veterans eligible for Medicaid programs

6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • World War I Veterans • Compensable 0% service-connected Veterans • Veterans exposed to Ionizing Radiation during atmospheric testing or during the occupation of Hiroshima and Nagasaki • Project 112/SHAD participants • Veterans who served in the Republic of Vietnam between January 9,1962 and May 7,1975 • Veterans of the Persian Gulf War that served between August 2, 1990 and November 11, 1998 • Veterans who served in a theater of combat operations after November 11, 1998 as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Currently enrolled Veterans and new enrollees who were discharged from active duty on or after January 28, 2003, are eligible for the enhanced benefits for 5 years post discharge <p>Note: <i>At the end of this enhanced enrollment priority group placement time period Veterans will be assigned to the highest Priority Group their unique eligibility status at that time qualifies for.</i></p>
7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Veterans with gross household income below the geographically-adjusted income threshold (GMT) for their resident location and who agree to pay copays
8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Veterans with gross household income above the VA national income threshold and the geographically-adjusted income threshold for their resident location and who agrees to pay copays <p>Veterans eligible for enrollment: Noncompensable 0% service-connected and:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Subpriority a: Enrolled as of January 16, 2003, and who have remained enrolled since that date and/or placed in this subpriority due to changed eligibility status o Subpriority b: Enrolled on or after June 15, 2009 whose income exceeds the current VA National Income Thresholds or VA National Geographic Income Thresholds by 10% or less <p>Veterans eligible for enrollment: Nonservice-connected and:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Subpriority c: Enrolled as of January 16, 2003, and who have remained enrolled since that date and/or placed in this subpriority due to changed eligibility status o Subpriority d: Enrolled on or after June 15, 2009 whose income exceeds the current VA National Income Thresholds or VA National Geographic Income Thresholds by 10% or less <p>Veterans not eligible for enrollment: Veterans not meeting the criteria above:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Subpriority e: Noncompensable 0% service-connected (eligible for care of their SC condition only) o Subpriority g: Nonservice-connected