



VA HEALTH CARE

Fact Sheet

Enrollment Priority Group

Enrollment Priority 1

- Veterans with service-connected disabilities rated 50% or more disabling
- Veterans determined by VA to be unemployable due to service-connected conditions

Enrollment Priority 2

- Veterans with service-connected disabilities rated 30% or 40% disabling

Enrollment Priority 3

- Veterans who are former POWs
- Veterans awarded the Purple Heart
- Veterans whose discharge was for a disability that was incurred or aggravated in the line of duty
- Veterans with service-connected disabilities rated 10% or 20% disabling
- Veterans awarded special eligibility classification under Title 38, U.S.C., Section 1151, "benefits for individuals disabled by treatment or vocational rehabilitation"

Enrollment Priority 4

- Veterans who are receiving aid and attendance or housebound benefits
- Veterans who have been determined by VA to be catastrophically disabled

Enrollment Priority 5

- 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

Enrollment Priority 6

- 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 exposed to the defoliant Agent Orange while serving in the Republic of Vietnam between 1962 and 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 on or after November 11, 1998 as follows:
 - 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
 - Veterans discharged from active duty before January 28, 2003 who apply for enrollment on or after January 28, 2008 are eligible for this enhanced enrollment benefit through January 27, 2011

Note: 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

Enrollment Priority 7

- Veterans with gross household income below the geographically-adjusted income threshold (GMT) for their resident location and who agree to pay copays

Enrollment Priority 8

- 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

Veterans eligible for enrollment: Noncompensable 0% service-connected and:

- Subpriority a: Enrolled as of January 16, 2003, and who have remained enrolled since that date and/or placed into this subpriority due to changed eligibility status
- Subpriority b: Enrolled on or after June 15, 2009 whose income exceeds the current means test or geographic means test by 10% or less

Veterans eligible for enrollment: Nonservice-connected and;

- Subpriority c: Enrolled as of January 16, 2003, and who have remained enrolled since that date and/or placed into this subpriority due to changed eligibility status
- Subpriority d: Enrolled on or after June 15, 2009 whose income exceeds the current means test or geographic means test by 10% or less

Veterans not eligible for enrollment: Veterans not meeting the criteria above

- Subpriority "e" – Noncompensable 0% service-connected
- Subpriority "g" – Nonservice-connected

Additional Information:

1. The term *service-connected* means, with respect to a condition or disability, that VA has determined that the condition or disability was incurred in or aggravated by military service. Some Veterans may have to agree to pay copays to be placed in certain priority groups.