

*An annual medication copayment cap of \$960 has been established for veterans enrolled in priority groups 2-6. Medications will continue to be dispensed when the copayment cap is met. An annual medication copayment cap was not established for veterans enrolled in priority group 7 or 8.

**Veterans in receipt of a Purple Heart are in Priority Group 3.

**Veterans who are former POWs are in Priority Group 3 and are exempt from Medication Copays.

***Medical care copayment required veterans who are determined to be Catastrophically Disabled and who are placed in Priority Group 4 for treatment are still subject to the copayment requirements. Catastrophically Disabled veterans in this priority group can be subject to full medical care copayments or to reduced inpatient copayments under the Geographic Means Test criteria.

****Priority Group 6 - Health insurance and all applicable copayments will be billed when the care is for conditions not related to the veteran's exposure or experience. Veterans in this priority group are subject to full medical care copayments or to reduced inpatient copayments under Geographic Means Test criteria and to medication copayments.

Special Categories of Veterans - (i.e., veterans claiming exposure to Agent Orange, veterans claiming exposure to Environmental Contaminants, veterans exposed to Ionizing Radiation, combat veterans within 2 years of discharge from military, veterans who participated in Project 112/SHAD, veterans claiming military sexual trauma and veterans with head and neck cancer who received nasopharyngeal radium treatment while in the military) are subject to copayments when their treatment or medication is not related to their exposure or experience. The initial registry examination and follow-up visits to receive results of the examination are not billed to the health insurance carrier and are not subject to copayments. However, care provided not related to exposure, if it is nonservice-connected will be billed to the insurance carrier and copayments can apply.

Medication Copayment Exemption - All veterans receiving prescriptions for NSC conditions who meet the low-income criteria (income limits for the VA NSC pension program) are exempt from the medication copayment.

Long Term Care Copayments - Changes to Long Term Care Copayments are effective June 17, 2002 and are displayed on a separate chart.

Priority Group 7a and 7c Veterans -- Veterans enrolled in this priority group have income above the VA Means Test threshold but below the Geographic Means Test threshold and are responsible for 20% of the inpatient copayment and 20% of the inpatient per diem copayment. The geographic means test copayment reduction does not apply to outpatient and medication copayments and veterans will be assessed the full applicable copayment charges. Note that reduced inpatient copayments can apply to veterans in Priority Groups 4 and 6 based upon the income of the veteran.

Priority Group 7e and 7g Veterans (not currently activated) -- Veterans assigned to Priority Group 7e or 7g are not eligible for enrollment if a decision to restrict enrollment of new Priority Group 7 veterans has been made. These veterans are eligible for care of their NSC conditions on a humanitarian emergency basis and are charged the applicable tortuously liable billing rate for services provided. Veterans in Priority Group 7e are eligible for care of SC conditions at no charge.

Priority Group 8a and 8c Veterans-- Veterans enrolled in this priority group are responsible for the full inpatient copayment and the inpatient per diem copayment for care of their NSC conditions. Veterans in this priority group are also responsible for outpatient and medication copayments for care of their NSC conditions.

Priority Group 8e and 8g Veterans -- Veterans assigned to Priority Group 8e or 8g are not eligible for enrollment. These veterans are eligible for care of their NSC conditions on a humanitarian emergency basis and are charged the applicable tortuously liable billing rate for services provided. Veterans in Priority Group 8e are eligible for care of SC conditions at no charge.

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Enrollment Priority 1:

- Veterans with service-connected disabilities rated 50% or more disabling

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 whose annual income and net worth are below the established VA Means Test thresholds
- Veterans receiving VA pension benefits
- Veterans eligible for Medicaid benefits

Enrollment Priority 6

- Mexican Border War veterans
- World War I veterans
- Compensable 0% service-connected veterans
- Veterans solely seeking care for disorders associated with:
 - exposure to herbicides while serving in Vietnam: or
 - exposure to ionizing radiation during atmospheric testing or during the occupation of Hiroshima and Nagasaki: or
 - for disorders associated with service in the Gulf War;
 - for illness possibly related to participation in Project 112/SHAD; or
 - for any illness associated with service in combat in a war after the Gulf War or during a period of hostility after November 11, 1998

Enrollment Priority 7

Veterans who agree to pay specified copayments with income and/or net worth above the VA means Test threshold and income below the HUD geographic index

- Subpriority a: Noncompensable 0% service-connected veterans who were enrolled in the VA Health Care System on a specified date and who have remained enrolled since that date
- Subpriority c: Nonservice-connected veterans who were enrolled in the VA Health Care System on a specified date and who have remained enrolled since that date
- Subpriority e: Noncompensable 0% service-connected veterans not included in Subpriority a above
- Subpriority g: Nonservice-connected veterans not included in Subpriority c above

Enrollment Priority 8

- Veterans who agree to pay specified copayments with income and/or net worth above the VA means Test threshold and the HUD geographic index
 - Subpriority a: Noncompensable 0% service-connected veterans enrolled as of January 16, 2003 and who have remained enrolled since that date
 - Subpriority c: Nonservice-connected veterans enrolled as of January 16, 2003 and who have remained enrolled since that date
 - Subpriority e: Noncompensable 0% service-connected veterans applying for enrollment after January 16, 2003
 - Subpriority g: Nonservice-connected veterans applying for enrollment after January 16, 2003

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