

What is the VA Medical Center Health Care Services for Combat Veterans?

- Priority care at enrollment
- Schedule health care within 30 days;
within 14 days for mental health
- Post deployment screens
- Referrals to specialty clinics
- Case management follow-up



Additional Information

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Seamless Transition for Returning Service Members

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What is Seamless Transition?

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and Department of Defense (DoD) have a joint venture. The joint venture was formed to meet the needs of our newest veterans. These are the men and women who served in Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom (OEF/OIF).

We assist them with a smooth change from active duty to civilian life.



Seamless Transition - What's Covered?

In order to make a smooth change, veterans must be scheduled for health care visits within 30 days of the request for Primary Care and within 14 days for Mental Health!

Veterans who meet the criteria for this special ruling are not subject to co-pay system for problems thought to be linked to their combat service.

Veterans receive one full dental exam/evaluation within 180 days of discharge.

Who is eligible?

Any active duty, reservist or National Guard member who served in combat after November 11, 1998, and has an honorable discharge.



There is no burden placed on these veterans to prove his or her military service. There is no burden on these veterans to prove level of income for cost-free VA health care. These veterans are not subject to a VA Means Testing or co-payment rules for two years after active duty discharge date.



What happens after Five years?

Co-payment status will depend on whether the veteran's illness or injury is deemed service-connected. Each veteran will be assigned a priority group.

After five years, veterans in certain priority groups, whose income is above the Means Test threshold, are subject to required co-payments.

Jack C. Montgomery VAMC has an OEF/OIF staff available to assist: Program Manager: Nanette Waller at 918-577-4150, or the Transitional Patient Advocate John Bennett at 918-577-3196, for program assistance, concerns or questions; and a Medical Administrative Specialist: Annette Lee, 918-577-4151 for assistance with enrollment and eligibility.

