



VA HEALTH CARE

Fact Sheet 164-2

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Enrollment Priority Groups

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"
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 net worth below the VA National Income Thresholds • 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 a theater of combat operations after November 11, 1998 as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ 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 <p>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.</p>
7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Veterans with income and/or net worth above the VA national income threshold and income below the VA National Geographic Income Thresholds who agree to pay copays
8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Veterans with income and/or net worth above the VA National Income Thresholds and the VA National Geographic Income Thresholds who agree to pay copays <p>Veterans eligible for enrollment: Noncompensable 0% service-connected and:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ 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 ◦ 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"> ◦ 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 ◦ 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"> ◦ Subpriority e: Noncompensable 0% service-connected ◦ Subpriority g: Nonservice-connected