

Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom Transition Assistance for Returning Combat Veterans

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What VA Services Are Available for Combat Veterans?

- Priority Enrollment
- Health Care Scheduled within 30 Days
- Post Deployment Screening
- Referrals to Specialty Clinics
- Advocate for Seamless Transition
- Case Management and Social Services
- Mental Health Specialty Services
- Multi-Disciplinary Team Approach

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 Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom (OEF/OIF). We assist them with a smooth change from active duty to civilian life.

Who is Eligible?

Veterans who have served on active duty in a theater of combat operations during a period of war after the Persian Gulf War, or in combat against a hostile force during periods of hostility after November 11, 1998, and has an honorable discharge.

Seamless Transition - What's Covered?

For a five year period, starting from the date of discharge from the military, veterans who meet the eligibility criteria are not subject to medical care or medication co-pays for any illness, determined by their health care provider, that is thought to be related to their service in the combat theater.

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 five years after their active duty discharge date. In order to make a smooth transition, veterans must be scheduled for health care visits within 30 days of the request.

The veteran is also eligible for one full dental exam/evaluation within 180 days of discharge from the military.

What Happens After Five Years of Priority Enrollment?

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 based on Means Testing.

Veterans in certain priority groups, whose income is above the Means Test threshold, are subject to co-payments.

**National Suicide Prevention
Lifeline for veterans to call
and speak with someone
1-800-273-TALK (8255) OR
If in immediate crisis, Call 911
OR
Go to the nearest emergency
center.**

Additional Information and Resources On-Line

www.va.gov/healtheligibility
<https://www.1010ez.med.va.gov/sec/vha/1010ez>
www1.va.gov/gulfwar
www.vabenefits.vba.va.gov/vonapp/main.asp
www.myhealth.va.gov
www.va.gov/womenvet
www.seamlesstransition.va.gov
<https://www.m4l.usmc.mil>
www.carlisle.army.mil/usawc/dclm/wounded.htm
www.aw2.army.mil
www.npc.navy.mil/commandsupport/safeharbor
www.militaryonesource.com
www.fallenpatriotfund.org
www.semperfifund.org
www.fisherhouse.org
www.unitedweservemil.org
www.soldiersangels.org
www.unmetneeds.com

Helpful Numbers:

Dallas	214-742-8387
Mental Health Access	214-857-0853
Ft. Worth Clinic	817-882-6000
Mental Health Clinic	817-570-2230
Bonham	903-583-2111
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