

VA Dental Care

If you qualify for VA dental care benefits, you may be able to get some or all of your dental care through VA. Find out how to get VA dental care or how to buy dental insurance if you don't qualify.

Can I get VA dental care benefits for some or all of my dental care?

It depends on a number of factors, like your military service history and your current health and living situation. Based on these factors, VA places you into a benefits class—and you get the specific benefits assigned to that class. See the section below for more information.

What VA dental care benefits do I qualify for?

If you have a service-connected dental disability or condition for which you receive compensation (monthly payments).

You're in: Class I

You may qualify for: Any needed dental care

If you are a former prisoner of war.

You're in: Class IIC

You may qualify for: Any needed dental care

If you have one or more service-connected disabilities rated 100% disabling.

You're in: Class IV

You may qualify for: Any needed dental care*

Please note: If you're being paid at the 100% disabling rate based on a temporary rating (for a reason such as a long stay in the hospital or rehab care), that doesn't qualify you for this benefit.

If you are unemployable (unable to work), and receive disability compensation at the 100% disabling rate due to service-connected conditions.

You're in: Class IV

You may qualify for: Any needed dental care*

Please note: If you're being paid at the 100% disabling rate based on a temporary rating (for a reason such as a long stay in the hospital or rehab care), that doesn't qualify you for this benefit.

If served on active duty for 90 days or more during the Persian Gulf War era.

You're in: Class II

You may qualify for: One-time dental care if you meet all of the requirements listed below; all of these must be true for you:

- You didn't receive a dishonorable discharge, and
- You apply for dental care within 180 days of discharge or release, **and**
- Your DD214 certificate of discharge doesn't show that you had a complete dental exam and all needed dental treatment before you were discharged*

Please note: If you got a dental award letter from VBA dated before 1955 stating that your dental conditions aren't compensable, then you are no longer eligible for Class II outpatient dental treatment. This is because of Public Law 83, which was enacted June 16, 1955, and which amended Veterans' eligibility for outpatient dental services.

If you have a service-connected noncompensable dental condition (a dental condition that you're not getting disability payments for) or a disability that's the result of combat wounds or service trauma.

You're in: Class IIA

You may qualify for: Any dental care needed to make sure you have and can keep a functioning dentition (a working set of teeth)

Please note: A Dental Trauma Rating (VA Form 10-564-D) or VA Regional Office Rating Decision letter (VA Form 10-7131) will tell you the tooth/teeth/condition(s) that are trauma rated.

A VA dental care provider has concluded that your dental condition is linked to a service-connected health condition and is making that condition worse.

You're in: Class III

You may qualify for: Dental care to treat the oral conditions that a VA dental care provider concludes are directly making your service-connected health condition worse

I'm active in a 38 U.S.C. Chapter 31 vocational rehabilitation program.

You're in: Class V

You may qualify for: Dental care that a VA dental care provider concludes is needed to achieve at least one of the goals listed below

The dental care must be needed to:

Make it possible for you to be in the vocational rehab program, **or**

Make it possible for you to reach the goals of your vocational rehab program, **or**

Prevent you from having to stop your rehab program, **or**

Help you get back to your rehab program faster if you've had to stop (and are in "interrupted" or "leave" status), **or**

Help you get back to your rehab program faster if you've had to stop (and are in "discontinued" status) because of an illness, injury, or dental condition, **or**

Make it possible for you to get and adjust to a job during the period of employment assistance, **or**

Make it possible for you to be fully independent in your daily living

If you get VA care or am scheduled for inpatient care for a health condition and you need dental care for a dental issue that's making your health condition harder to treat.

You're in: Class VI

You may qualify for: Dental care to treat the dental issue that a VA dental care provider finds is making the health condition you're being treated for harder to treat

If you are signed up to get care through the Homeless Veterans Dental Program (VHA Directive 2007-039).

You're in: Class IIB

You may qualify for: A one-time course of dental care that a VA dental care provider concludes you need to achieve at least one of the goals listed below.

The dental care must be needed to:

- Relieve your pain, **or**
- Help you get a job, **or**
- Treat your moderate, severe, or complicated and severe gingival and periodontal conditions (gum infections that can lead to pain, swelling, and bone and tooth loss if not treated)

If you are currently getting inpatient care in a hospital, nursing home, or other supervised homelike care setting (called domiciliary care).

You're in: Inpatient status

You may qualify for: Dental services that a VA dental care provider—working with your primary care provider—concludes you need to manage a health condition a doctor is currently treating you for

How do I apply for VA dental care benefits?

You can apply online by filling out the 10-10EZ health care application.

[Apply for benefits](#)

Where do I go for VA dental care?

The VA provides dental care to qualified Veterans at over 200 dental clinics across the country, including Alaska and Puerto Rico.

[Find a VA dental clinic near you](#)

If you can't get VA dental care benefits, can you get help buying dental insurance? You may be able to buy dental insurance at a reduced cost through the VA Dental Insurance Program (VADIP) if you meet at least one of the requirements listed below.

At least one of these must be true. You:

- Are signed up for VA health care [Apply now](#), or
- Are signed up for our Civilian Health and Medical Program (also called CHAMPVA, a health insurance program for dependents of Veterans).

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Not sure if you qualify? Find out if you can get VA health care benefits.

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Have an illness or injury that was caused—or made worse—by your active-duty service? Find out if you can get disability compensation from VA.

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