

## **Basic Training to initiate a VA Health Claim**

The VA Process is onerous Register, Login, and understand the following:

### **First Apply for VA Health care & obtain VHIC card**

<https://www.va.gov/health-care/how-to-apply>

- See Priority group assignment information at end of this note

### **Then sign in and explore**

- ✓ **E Benefits**

[www.Ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits/homepage](http://www.Ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits/homepage)

- ✓ **My Health Vet**

[www.Myhealth.va.gov](http://www.Myhealth.va.gov)

- Suggest Upgrade to Premium

- ✓ **Suggest Using ID.Me**

[www.va.gov/sign-in](http://www.va.gov/sign-in)

### **Additional Items of Interest**

- Anyone veteran with any disability rating can obtain a disabled vet Placard from the MVC for free 24 hour municipal parking throughout NJ. You will require your.... (see last page of this document)
  - DD214
  - VA letter of rating
- Those that used the VA process, as I have, are well aware of its challenges.
  - Paperwork
  - Persistence
  - Patience
  - Professionalism
- Apply
- Analyze
- Accept or
- Adjust and Appeal, Appeal, Appeal, Appeal

I will provide whatever assistance I am allowed including providing contacts

My best contact is to use my email [georgejb@verizon.net](mailto:georgejb@verizon.net) , because most unidentified phone numbers are assumed spam.

I will add you to my contact group once we establish interaction via a phone call

**Also the State and County Veteran Service Officers (VSO's) are well trained and very helpful managing a benefits claim....**

### ***Monmouth County***

- **Contact**
- Peter Midgley  
Phone: 732-775-7009 / 7005  
Fax: 732-775-3612  
[Peter.Midgley@dmava.nj.gov](mailto:Peter.Midgley@dmava.nj.gov)
- **Location**
- 630 Bangs Avenue  
Suite #320  
Asbury Park, NJ 07712  
[Google Maps](#)
- **Hours**
- Monday - Friday  
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
  
- **Veterans Services Office**  
**3000 Kozloski Road**  
**Freehold, NJ 07728**  
**Phone: 732-683-8675 Fax: 732-683-8676**
- <https://www.visitmonmouth.com/page.aspx?ID=2078>

## I also get a lot of questions about Hearing Aids

To receive hearing aids through VA, you must first register at the health Administration/enrollment section of the VA Medical Center of your choice. The following documents are usually needed at the time of registration: a copy of the Veteran's DD214, driver's license and health insurance (if available). There are several ways to enroll:

- In person at any VA Medical Center or Clinic
- [Online by filling out the Form 10-10EZ.](#)
- By mailing completed Form 10-10EZ to the Medical Center of your choice (please be sure to sign your application or it cannot be processed for enrollment)

Once registered (or if already registered), you may schedule an appointment at the Audiology and Speech Pathology Clinic for an evaluation of your hearing. The audiologist will make a clinical determination on the need for hearing aids and/or other hearing assistive devices. If hearing aids are recommended and fit, the hearing aids, repairs, and future batteries will all be at no charge to you, as long as you maintain VA eligibility for care.

Once you are approved

Once approved for VA health care benefits, all Veterans "shall receive a hearing evaluation by a state-licensed [audiologist](#) to determine the need for hearing aids," according to the VA's 2014 [directive](#) for eye and ear care. However, not every veteran will necessarily receive hearing aids. As the directive explains (page 1-2), the following veterans are most likely to receive hearing aid care are:

- "Those with any compensable service connected disability.
- Those who are former Prisoners of War.
- Those who were awarded a Purple Heart.
- Those in receipt of benefits under 38 U.S.C. 1151.
- Those in receipt of an increased pension based on the need for regular aid and attendance or by reason of being permanently house-bound.
- Those who have a visual or hearing impairment resulting from the existence of another medical condition for which the Veteran is receiving VA care, or which resulted from treatment of that medical condition.

- Those with significant functional or cognitive impairment evidenced by deficiencies in activities of daily living, but not including normally occurring visual or hearing impairments.
- Those visually or hearing impaired so severely that the provision of sensori-neural aids is necessary to permit active participation in their own medical treatment."

In some cases, a veteran will not qualify for any hearing care benefits, or will have to pay co-pays.

You need to register on <https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/> and <https://www.myhealth.va.gov/> then sign on ebenefits

- 1) Apply for benefits
- 2) Choose VA healthcare
- 3) Manage benefits
- 4) Schedule appointments
- 5) Schedule view appointments
- 6) Schedule an appointment
- 7) Choose Audiology

Surf this site and the VA.Gov site along with myhealth site lots of good stuff be patient you will be swarmed with information...

Even if not service connected still apply for this benefit if needed....

## Priority Groups

During enrollment, each Veteran is assigned to a priority group. VA uses priority groups to balance demand for VA health care enrollment with resources. Changes in available resources may reduce the number of priority groups VA can enroll. If this occurs, VA will publicize the changes and notify affected enrollees. A description of priority groups follows:

**Group 1:** Veterans with service-connected disabilities rated 50 percent or more and/or Veterans determined by VA to be unemployable due to service-connected conditions.

**Group 2:** Veterans with service-connected disabilities rated 30 or 40 percent.

**Group 3:**

- Veterans who are former prisoners of war (POWs). Veterans awarded the Purple Heart medal. Veterans awarded the Medal of Honor.
- Veterans whose discharge was for a disability incurred or aggravated in the line of duty.
- Veterans with VA service-connected disabilities rated 10 percent or 20 percent.
- Veterans awarded special eligibility classification under Title 38, U.S.C., § 1151, “benefits for individuals disabled by treatment or vocational rehabilitation.”

**Group 4:**

- Veterans receiving increased compensation or pension based on their need for regular aid and attendance or by reason of being permanently housebound.
- Veterans determined by VA to be catastrophically disabled.

**Group 5:**

- Nonservice-connected Veterans and noncompensable service-connected Veterans rated 0 percent, whose annual income and/ or net worth are not greater than VA financial thresholds. Veterans receiving VA Pension benefits.
- Veterans eligible for Medicaid benefits.

## Group 6:

- Compensable 0 percent 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 the Republic of Vietnam between Jan. 9, 1962 and May 7, 1975.
- Veterans who served in the Southwest Asia theater of operations from Aug. 2, 1990, through Nov. 11, 1998.
- Veterans who served in a theater of combat operations after Nov. 11, 1998, as follows:
  - Veterans discharged from active duty on or after Jan. 28, 2003, for five years post discharge;
  - Veterans who served on active duty at Camp Lejeune, N.C., for no fewer than 30 days beginning Jan. 1, 1957 and ending Dec. 31, 1987.

## Group 7:

Veterans with incomes below the geographic means test income thresholds and who agree to pay the applicable copayment.

## Group 8:

- Veterans with gross household incomes above VA national income threshold and the geographically-adjusted income threshold for their resident location and who agrees to pay copayments. Veterans eligible for enrollment: Noncompensable 0-percent service-connected:
- **Subpriority a:** Enrolled as of Jan. 16, 2003, and who have re- mained 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 percent or less
- **Veterans eligible for enrollment:** nonservice-connected and Subpriority c: Enrolled as of Jan. 16, 2003, and who 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 percent or less
- **Veterans NOT eligible for enrollment:** Veterans not meeting the criteria above:
  - **Subpriority e:** Noncompensable 0 percent service-connected
  - **Subpriority f:** Nonservice-connected

# NJ MVC PLACARDS

- Placards are available at any MVC agency or by mail.
  - In person, submit proof of status and a completed, signed [application](#) (SP-47), or
  - By mail, send photocopy of proof of status and a completed, signed [application](#) (SP-47) to:

NJMVC  
 Special Plates Unit  
 P. O. Box 015  
 Trenton, NJ 08666-015

- Placards are subject to renewal/recertification every 3 years.
- Placards clearly show their expiration date, which will be on the last day of the month that is punched out. The year of expiration will also be punched out.
- The holder of a disabled veteran or Purple Heart recipient placard can also be issued a Person with a Disability (PWAD) placard, if eligible. These unique placards do not replace a PWAD placard.
- The disabled veteran or Purple Heart recipient placard cannot be used for parking in PWAD labeled parking spots.
- Applicants who meet the requirements for both a disabled veteran and Purple Heart recipient placard must decide which type of unique placard - DV or PH - they wish to receive. Only one type of these unique placards can be issued.
- The holder of a unique placard will be issued a placard recipient identification card that will match the owner information on the vehicle registration card for the vehicle in use.
- This specific identification card indicates the actual person who is entitled to use the privilege of the unique placard.

