INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING HEALTH BENEFITS RENEWAL FORM

Please Read Before Your Start ... What is VA Form 10-10EZR used for?

To update your personal, insurance, or financial information after you are enrolled. The information provided on this form will be used by VA to determine your eligibility for medical benefits and on average will take 24 minutes to complete. This includes the time it will take to read instructions, gather necessary facts and fill out the form.

Where can I get help filling out the form or if I have questions?

You may use ANY of the following to request assistance:

- Ask VA to help you fill out the form by calling us at 1-877-222-VETS (8387).
- Access our website at http://www.va.gov and select "Contact the VA."
- Contact the Enrollment Coordinator at your local VA health care facility.
- Contact a National or State Veterans Service Organization.

Definitions of terms used on this form

SERVICE-CONNECTED (SC): A VA determination that an illness or injury was incurred or aggravated in the line of duty, in the active military, naval or air service.

COMPENSABLE: A VA determination that a service-connected disability is severe enough to warrant monetary compensation.

NONCOMPENSABLE: A VA determination that a service-connected disability is not severe enough to warrant monetary compensation.

NONSERVICE-CONNECTED (NSC): A veteran who does not have a VA determined service-related condition.

Getting Started: All Veterans must complete Sections I-III

Directions for Sections I - III

Section I - General Information: Answer all questions

Section II - Insurance Information: Include information for all health insurance companies that cover you, this includes coverage provided through a spouse or significant other. Bring your insurance cards, Medicare and/or Medicaid card with you to each health care appointment.

Section III - Employment Information: If you are employed or retired, answer all questions.

Directions for Sections IV - VIII:

Section IV - Financial Disclosure: Disclosure allows VA to accurately determine whether certain Veterans will be charged copays for care and medications, their eligibility for other services and enrollment priority. Veterans are not required to disclose their financial information. If you elect not to disclose: VA will use its electronic matching authorities to query such information as may be required from the Internal Revenue Service and/or Social Security Administration. Veterans will only be contacted if there is a discrepancy in the information reported or if other required information is needed.

ONLY NSC and 0% NONCOMPENSABLE SERVICE-CONNECTED VETERANS COMPLETE THIS SECTION TO DETERMINE ELIGIBILITY AND COPAY RESPONSIBILITIES. FINACIAL

DISCLOSURE DO NOT APPLY TO: a former Prisoner of War or; in receipt of a Purple Heart or; a recently discharged Combat Veteran or; discharged for a disability incurred or aggravated in the line of duty or; receiving VA service-connected disability compensation or; receiving VA pension or; in receipt of Medicaid benefits or; those who served in Vietnam between January 9, 1962 and May 7, 1975 or; those who served in SW Asia during the Gulf War between August 2, 1990 and November 11, 1998 or; those who served at Camp Lejeune between January 1, 1957 and December 31, 1987.

Section V - Dependent Information: Your spouse and dependent social security numbers(s) are required so we can verify their financial and insurance information through a computer-matching program.

Section VI - Previous Calendar Year Gross Annual Income of Veteran, Spouse and Dependent Children: Answer applicable questions

Section VIII - Previous Calendar Year Deductible Expenses: Answer applicable questions Section VIII - Previous Calendar Year Net Worth: Answer applicable questions

NOTE: All other Veterans may wish to provide this financial assessment to determine, **as applicable**, their eligibility for cost-free medication, beneficiary travel eligibility and/or waiver of the beneficiary travel deductible requirement.

Additional Information for Completing your application ...

Answer all questions in the appropriate sections. If you need more space to answer a question, attach a sheet of paper to the form containing your name and Social Security Number. For each question that you need more room, write "Continuation of Item" and write the section and question number.

Section II - Insurance Information.

Include information for all health insurance policies that cover you, this includes coverage that is provided through a spouse or significant other. If you have more than one health insurer, provide this information on a separate sheet of paper and attach to the application. If you have access to a copier, attach a copy of your insurance cards, Medicare card and/or Medicaid card (Medicaid is a federal/state health insurance program for certain low-income people). Bring these cards with you to each health care appointment.

Section IV - Financial Disclosure.

The financial assessment is used to determine whether certain Veterans qualify for cost-free health care services for their NSC conditions and to assign their priority for enrollment, if your eligibility for health care benefits requires or may be based on a financial assessment. You are not required to disclose your financial information.

If you elect not to disclose: VA will use its electronic matching authorities to query such information as may be required from the Internal Revenue Service and/or Social Security Administration. Veterans will only be contacted if there is a discrepancy in the information reported or if other required information is needed.

Section V - Dependent Information.

- You may count your spouse as your dependent even if you did not live together, as long as you contributed support last calendar year.
- You may count your biological children, adopted children, and stepchildren as dependents. But these children must be unmarried • and under the age of 18, or be at least 18 but under 23 and attending high school, college or vocational school on a full or part-time basis, or have become permanently unable to support themselves before reaching the age of 18.
- Count child support contributions even if not paid in regular set amounts. Contributions can include tuition payments or payments of medical bills.

Section VI - Previous Calendar Year Gross Annual Income of Veteran, Spouse and Dependent Children. Report:

- Gross annual income from employment, except for income from your farm, ranch, property or business, including information about your wages, bonuses, tips, severance pay and other accrued benefits and your child's income information if it could have been used to pay your household expenses.
- Net income from your farm, ranch, property or business.
- Other income amounts, including retirement and pension income. Social Security Retirement and Social Security Disability income, compensation benefits such as VA disability, unemployment, Workers and black lung, cash gifts, interest and dividends, including tax exempt earnings and distributions from Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs) or annuities.

Do Not Report:

Donations from public or private relief, welfare or charitable organizations; Supplemental Security Income (SSI)and need-based payments from a government agency; profit from the occasional sale of property; income tax refunds, reinvested interest on Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs); scholarships and grants for school attendance; disaster relief payment; reimbursement for casualty loss; loans; Radiation Compensation Exposure Act payments; Agent Orange settlement payments; Alaska Native Claims Settlement Acts Income, payments to foster parent; amounts in joint accounts in banks and similar institutions acquired by reason of death of the other joint owner; Japanese ancestry restitution under Public Law 100-383; cash surrender value of life insurance; lumpsum proceeds of life insurance policy on a Veteran; and payments received under the Medicare transitional assistance program.

Section VII - Previous Calendar Year Deductible Expenses.

Report nonreimbursed medical expenses paid by you or your spouse. Include expenses for medical and dental care, drugs, eyeglasses, Medicare, medical insurance premiums and other health care expenses paid by you for dependents and persons for whom you have a legal or moral obligation to support. Do not list expenses if you expect to receive reimbursement from insurance or other sources. Report expenses of last illness and burial expenses, e.g., prepaid burial, paid by the veteran for spouse or dependent(s).

Section VIII - Previous Calendar Year Net Worth.

Your net worth is the market value of all the interest and rights you have in any kind of property. However net worth does not include your single-family residence and a reasonable lot area surrounding it. It also does not include the personal things you use every day like your vehicle, clothing and furniture.

Submitting your application ...

- 1. Read Section IX (Paperwork Reduction and Privacy Act Information), Section X (Consent to Copayments), and Section XI (Assignment of Benefits).
- 2. Make sure you sign and date VA Form 10-10EZR in Section XI. You or an individual to whom you have delegated your Power of Attorney must sign and date the form. If you sign with an "X", then you must have 2 people you know witness you as you sign. They must then sign the form and print their names. If the form is not signed and dated appropriately, VA will return it for you to complete. This will result in a delay in processing your application.
- 3. Attach any continuation sheets, a copy of supporting materials and your Power of Attorney documents to your application.

Where do I send my application?

Mail the original application and supporting materials to your local VA health care facility. You can find the address by calling VA at 1-877-222-VETS (8387), or on the Internet at http://www.va.gov.

Department of Veterans Affairs

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SECTION I - GENERAL INFORMATION							
Federal law provides criminal pen or making a materially false staten	alties, including a fir nent. (See 18 U.S.C. 1	ne and/or in 1001)	mprisonr	nent for up to	5 years, for	concealing a material fact	
1. VETERAN'S NAME (Last, First, Middle Name)				2. OTHER NAMES USED			
3. GENDER 4. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER					5. DAT	E OF BIRTH (mm/dd/yyyy)	
MALE FEMALE							
6. PERMANENT ADDRESS (Street)		6A. CITY	6B. STATE			6C. ZIP	
6D. COUNTY			6E. HOME TELEPHONE NUMBER (Include area code)				
6F. E-MAIL ADDRESS			6G. CELLULAR TELEPHONE NUMBER (Include area code)				
7. CURRENT MARITAL STATUS (Check one) MARRIED NEVER MARRIED SEPARATED DIVORCED UNKNOWN							
8. NAME, ADDRESS AND RELATIONSHIP OF NEXT OF KIN				8A. NEXT OF KIN'S HOME TELEPHONE NUMBER (Include area code)			
					NORK TELEPHONE NUMBER (Include area code)		
9. NAME, ADDRESS AND RELATIONSHIP OF EMERGENCY CONTACT (if different than 8) 9A. EMERGENCY CONTACT'S HOME TELEPHONE NUMBER (Include a							
9B. EMERGENCY CONTACT'S WORK TELEPHONE NUMBER (Include area code							
SECTION II - INSURANCE INFORMATION (Use a separate sheet for additional information)							
1. ARE YOU COVERED BY HEALTH INSURANCE, INCLUDING COVERAGE THROUGH A SPOUSE OR ANOTHER PERSON? YES NO YES NO							
3. NAME OF POLICY HOLDER							
4. POLICY NUMBER 5. GI	ROUP CODE	6. ARE YOU ELIGIBLE FOR MEDICAID? YES NO			6A. EFFECTIVE [DATE (mm/dd/yyyy)	
7. ARE YOU ENROLLED IN MEDICARE HOSPITAL INSURANCE PART A? YES NO				7A. EFFECTIVE DATE (mm/dd/yyyy)			
8. ARE YOU ENROLLED IN MEDICARE HOSPITAL INSURANCE PART B? YES NO				8A. EFFECTIVE DATE (mm/dd/yyyy)			
9. NAME EXACTLY AS IT APPEARS ON YOUR MEDICARE CARD				10. MEDICARE CLAIM NUMBER			
	SECTION III	- EMPLOY		IFORMATION			
1. VETERAN'S EMPLOYMENT STATUS (check one) If employed or retired,	NOT EMPLOYED Date of re	etirement	1A. COMP.	ANY NAME, ADDRESS	S AND TELEPHON	IE NUMBER	
complete item 1A PART TIME RETIRED (mm/dd/yyyy)							
2. SPOUSE'S EMPLOYMENT STATUS (check one) FULL TIME NOT EMPLOYED				ANY NAME, ADDRESS	S AND TELEPHON	E NUMBER	
If employed or retired, PART TIME complete item 2A	(mm/dd/y						
SECTION IV - FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE							

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Recently (within five years post discharge) discharged veterans who served in the theater of operations (e.g., OEF/OIF/OND) like other Veterans may provide income information for assessment in order to have their priority for enrollment and financial eligibility for travel assistance, cost-free medications and/or medical care for services unrelated to military experience.

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