Department of Veterans Affairs

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING HEALTH BENEFITS UPDATE FORM

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

VA Form 10-10EZR is used by VA to update your personal, insurance, or financial information after you are enrolled. Where can I get help filling out the form and if I have questions? This update form is available for

completion online at www.va.gov/healthbenefits.

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).
- 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.

SPOUSE: If you are certifying that a person is your spouse for the purpose of VA benefits, your marriage must be recognized by the place where you and/or your spouse resided at the time of marriage, or where you and/or your spouse reside when you file your claim (or at a later date when you become eligible for benefits) (38 U.S.C. 103(c)). Additional guidance on when VA recognizes marriages is available at http://www.va.gov/opa/marriage/.

ALL VETERANS MUST COMPLETE SECTIONS I, II, VII, and VIII

Directions for Sections I - II:

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. 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.

COMPLETE SECTION III only if you complete Sections IV - VI:

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

Directions for Sections IV - VI:

The following Veterans **may** provide a financial assessment to update their eligibility for cost-free medication for their NSC conditions, beneficiary travel eligibility, and/or waiver of the beneficiary travel deductible requirement:

- a former Prisoner of War; or
- those in receipt of a Purple Heart; or
- a recently discharged Combat Veteran; or
- those discharged for a disability incurred or aggravated in the line of duty; or
- those receiving VA SC disability compensation
- those 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 least 30 days at Camp Lejeune between January 1, 1957 and December 31, 1987.

Veterans rated 50-100% disabled due to SC conditions and Veterans receiving VA pension are **not required** to provide a financial assessment.

Veterans who served in a theater of operations (e.g., OEF/OIF/OND), within five years post discharge, **may** provide income to determine their financial eligibility for travel assistance, cost-free medications, and/or medical care for services unrelated to military experience.

All other Veterans (e.g., NSC not listed above and SC 0% non-compensable) must complete this section to determine copay responsibility for VA health care benefits.

Continued ...

Section IV - 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. Include 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 Compensation 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 payments; 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; lump-sum proceeds of life insurance policy on a Veteran; and payments received under the Medicare transitional assistance program.

Section V - Previous Calendar Year Deductible Expenses.

Report non-reimbursed medical expenses paid by you or your spouse. Include expenses for medical and dental care, medications, 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 last illness and burial expenses, e.g., prepaid burial, paid by the Veteran for spouse or dependent(s).

Section VI - 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.

Section VII and Section VIII - Submitting your update.

- 1. Read Paperwork Reduction and Privacy Act Information, Section VII Consent to Copays and Assignment of Benefits.
- 2. Sign and Date the form. 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", 2 people you know must witness you as you sign. They must sign the form and print their names. If the form is not signed and dated appropriately, VA will return it for you to complete.
- 3. Attach any continuation sheets, a copy of supporting materials or your Power of Attorney documents to your application.

Where do I mail my update?

Mail the completed VA Form 10-10EZR and any supporting materials to the Health Eligibility Center, 2957 Clairmont Road, Suite 200, Atlanta, GA 30329.

PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT AND PRIVACY ACT INFORMATION

The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 requires us to notify you that this information collection is in accordance with the clearance requirements of Section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. We may not conduct or sponsor, and you are not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB number. We anticipate that the time expended by all individuals who must complete this form will average 15 minutes. This includes the time it will take to read instructions, gather the necessary facts and fill out the form.

Privacy Act Information: VA is asking you to provide the information on this form under 38 U.S.C. Sections 1710, 1712, and 1722 in order for VA to determine your eligibility for medical benefits. Information you supply may be verified from initial submission forward through a computer matching program. VA may disclose the information that you put on the form as permitted by law. VA may make a "routine use" disclosure of the information as outlined in the Privacy Act systems of records notices and in accordance with the Notice of Privacy Practices. Providing the requested information is voluntary, but if any or all of the requested information is not provided, it may delay or result in denial of your request for health care benefits. Failure to furnish the information will not have any effect on any other benefits to which you may be entitled. If you provide VA your Social Security Number, VA will use it to administer your VA benefits. VA may also use this information to identify veterans and persons claiming or receiving VA benefits and their records, and for other purposes authorized or required by law.

Departmen	it of Veterans Af	fairs	HEALTH BENEFITS UPDATE FORM									
SECTION I - GENERAL INFORMATION												
Federal law provides	-	-		-	ment, for any	materially fa	alse, fictitious, or					
fraudulent statement or representation. (See 18 U.S.C. 2 1. VETERAN'S NAME (Last, First, Middle Name)				<u>a 1001).</u>		2. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER						
3. GENDER	4. DATE OF BIRTH (mm/dd/yyyy) FEMALE		5. HOME TELEPHON		IE NUMBER (Include area code)		HONE NUMBER (Include area code)					
7. PERMANENT ADDRESS (S		8. CITY			9. STATE	10. ZIP CODE						
11. COUNTY 12. E-			E-MAIL ADDRESS									
SECTION II - INSURANCE INFORMATION (Use a separate sheet for additional information)												
1. ENTER YOUR HEALTH IN	SURANCE COMPANY NAME	, ADDRESS AN	D TELEPHO	ONE NUMBER	(include coverage th	rough spouse or oth	er person)					
2. NAME OF POLICY HOLDEF	3. POLIC	3. POLICY NUMBER			4. GF	4. GROUP CODE 5. ARE YOU ELIGIBLE FOR MEDICAID? YES NO						
6. ARE YOU ENROLLED IN MEDICARE HOSPITAL YES NO					7. EFFECTIVE D	ATE (mm/dd/yyyy)						
	SECTION III - DEPEND	ENT INFORM	ATION (U	lse a separat	e sheet for add	itional depende	nts)					
1. SPOUSE'S NAME (Last, F	ïrst, Middle Name)			6. CHILD'S N	IAME (Last, First, N	fiddle Name)						
2. SPOUSE'S SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER				7. CHILD'S DATE OF BIRTH (mm/dd/yyyy) 8. CHILD'S SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER								
3. SPOUSE'S DATE OF BIRTH (mm/dd/yyyy)				9. DATE CHILD BECAME YOUR DEPENDENT (mm/dd/yyyy)								
4. DATE OF MARRIAGE (mm/dd/yyyy)				10. CHILD'S RELATIONSHIP TO YOU (Check one)								
5. SPOUSE'S ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER (Street, City, State, ZIP - if different from Veteran's)				11. WAS CHILD PERMANENTLY AND TOTALLY DISABLED BEFORE THE AGE OF 18? YES NO 12. IF CHILD IS BETWEEN 18 AND 23 YEARS OF AGE, DID CHILD ATTEND SCHOOL LAST CALENDAR YEAR2								
				SCHOOL LAST CALENDAR YEAR?								
13. EXPENSES PAID BY YOU VOCATIONAL REHABILITATI			,	1								
14. IF YOUR SPOUSE OR DE YEAR, DID YOU PROVIDE SU		IVE WITH YOU	LAST	YES	NO							

REMEMBER TO SIGN AND DATE THE FORM ON THE REVERSE PAGE

HEALTH BENEFITS UPDATE FORM

SECTION IV - PREVIOUS CALENDAR YEAR GROSS ANN (Use a separate she			,	SE AND DEPEND	DENT C	HILDREN							
VETE			SF	POUSE		CHILD 1							
1. GROSS ANNUAL INCOME FROM EMPLOYMENT (wages, bonuses, tips, etc.) EXCLUDING INCOME FROM YOUR FARM, RANCH, PROPERTY OR BUSINESS			\$			\$							
2. NET INCOME FROM YOUR FARM, RANCH, PROPERTY OR BUSINESS \$		\$		\$									
3. LIST OTHER INCOME AMOUNTS (e.g., Social Security, compensation, pension finterest, dividends) EXCLUDING WELFARE.			\$										
SECTION V - PREVIOUS CALENDAR YEAR DEDUCTIBLE EXPENSES													
1. TOTAL NON-REIMBURSED MEDICAL EXPENSES PAID BY YOU OR YOUR S health insurance, hospital and nursing home) VA will calculate a deductible and the net me			ctors, dentists, m	edications, Medicare	^{2,} \$								
2. AMOUNT YOU PAID LAST CALENDAR YEAR FOR FUNERAL AND BURIAL EXPENSES (INCLUDING PREPAID BURIAL EXPENSES) FOR YOUR DECEASED SPOUSE OR DEPENDENT CHILD (Also enter spouse or child's information in Section III.)													
3. AMOUNT YOU PAID LAST CALENDAR YEAR FOR YOUR COLLEGE OR VOC. materials) DO NOT LIST YOUR DEPENDENTS' EDUCATIONAL EXPENSES.	-		XPENSES (e.g.	., tuition, books, fees,	\$								
SECTION VI - PREVIOUS CALENDAR YEAR NETWORTH (Use a separate sheet for additional dependents)													
		VETE	ERAN	SPOUSE		CHILD 1							
1. CASH AMOUNT IN BANK ACCOUNTS (e.g., checking, savings accounts, certificates individual retirement accounts, stocks and bonds)	s of deposit,	\$		\$									
2. MARKET VALUE OF LAND AND BUILDINGS MINUS MORTGAGES AND LIENS. (e.g., second home and non-incoming producing property. Do not count your primary home.)				\$									
3. VALUE OF OTHER PROPERTY OR ASSETS (e.g., art, rare coins, collectables) MI AMOUNT YOU OWE ON THESE ITEMS. INCLUDE VALUE OF FARM, RANCH OF ASSETS. Exclude household effects and family vehicles.		\$	\$		\$								
SECTION VII - CONSENT TO COP	YAYS AND T	O RECEIVE	COMMUNIC	ATIONS									
By submitting this application you are agreeing to pay the applicable VA or agree to receive communications from VA to your supplied email or mobile		atment or sei	rvices of your	NSC conditions a	as requi	red by law. You also							
ASSIGNM	MENT OF BE	NEFITS											
I understand that pursuant to 38 U.S.C. Section 1729 and 42 U.S.C. 2651, the I (HP) or any other legally responsible third party for the reasonable charges of r authorize payment directly to VA from any HP under which I am covered (incl charges for my medical care, including benefits otherwise payable to me or my entity who is or may be legally responsible for the payment of the cost of medi prejudice my right to recover for my own benefit any amount in excess of the centitled. I hereby appoint the Attorney General of the United States and the Sec and appropriate actions in order to recover and receive all or part of the amoun party or administrative agency who may be responsible for payment of the cost verify my claim. Further, I hereby authorize any such third party or administrative	nonservice-cor luding coverag y spouse. Furth ical services pr cost of medical cretary of Vete nt herein assign t of medical se	nnected VA m ge provided un nermore, I here rovided to me I services prov erans' Affairs a ned. I hereby a ervices provide	nedical care or nder my spouse eby assign to the by the VA. I uvided to me by and their design authorize the V ed to me, infor	services furnished e's HP) that is respu- he VA any claim I understand that this v the VA or any oth gnees as my Attorne /A to disclose, to m rmation from my m	or prov onsible may ha s assignr her amou eys-in-f ny attorr nedical r	ided to me. I hereby for payment of the ve against any person or ment shall not limit or unt to which I may be act to take all necessary ney and to any third records as necessary to							
SECTION VIII - SI	UBMITTING	YOUR UPD	ATE										
ALL APPLICANTS MUST SIGN AND DATE THIS FORM. REFER TO INSTRUCT	TIONS WHICH	I DEFINE WHO	O CAN SIGN C	ON BEHALF OF TH	IE VETE	RAN.							
Federal law provides criminal penalties, including a fine and/or impriso (See 18 U.S.C. 287 and 1001).	nment, for a	ny materially	y false, fictiti	ious, or fraudule	nt state	ment or representation							
l declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and accurate fraudulent statement or representation, made knowingly, is punishable													
and 1001.	by a fine and	l/or imprison	iment pursua	nt to title 18, Un	ited Sta	ates Code, Sections 28							
and 1001. SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT	by a fine anc	l/or imprison	DATE	nt to title 18, Un	inted Sta								