



VA HEALTH CARE

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Fugitive Felon Program (FFP)

VA is prohibited from providing or continuing to provide health care and services, including medications and any care provided in the community, at VA expense to Veterans and beneficiaries identified as fugitive felons.

A Fugitive Felon is defined as a person who is:

1. Fleeing to avoid custody or confinement after conviction for an offense which is a felony under the laws of the place from which the person is fleeing, or for an attempt to commit such an offense; and/or
2. Fleeing to avoid prosecution for an offense which is a felony; and/or
3. Violating a condition of probation or parole imposed for committing a felony under Federal or State law.

Termination Of VA Health Care Benefits

VA will mail a letter to the Veteran or beneficiary identified as a fugitive felon to inform them of their status and termination of all VA health care benefits. VA staff will take appropriate steps to transition the fugitive felon's health care from VA programs to alternative care outside the VA health care system. VA cannot pay for any of this alternative care. In addition, VA will bill the Veteran and/or beneficiaries for all VA provided care received while in this fugitive felon status.

Resolving Fugitive Felon Status

Persons identified as a fugitive felon must contact the Originating Agency that issued a felony warrant, **not the VA Police**, if it is believed:

1. An error was made, such as mistaken identity.
2. The warrant should be cancelled.
3. The warrant has been satisfied by your arrest or surrender.
4. There are other reasons, which would resolve the warrant.

Evidence that the warrant has been satisfied should be provided to your local VA.

For additional information concerning the Fugitive Felon Program, please contact the Fugitive Felon Coordinator or Enrollment Coordinator at your local VA medical care facility or contact the Health Benefits Service Center at 1-877-222-VETS (8387).