Fact Sheet 164-2
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# Enrollment Priority Groups

| Priority Group | Definition |
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| 1 | • Veterans with VA-rated service-connected disabilities 50% or more disabling<br>• Veterans determined by VA to be unemployable due to service-connected conditions |
| 2 | • Veterans with VA-rated service-connected disabilities 30% or 40% disabling |
| 3 | • Veterans who are Former Prisoners of War (POWs)<br>• Veterans awarded a Purple Heart medal<br>• Veterans whose discharge was for a disability that was incurred or aggravated in the line of duty<br>• Veterans with VA-rated service-connected disabilities 10% or 20% disabling<br>• Veterans awarded special eligibility classification under Title 38, U.S.C., § 1151, "benefits for individuals disabled by treatment or vocational rehabilitation"<br>• Veterans awarded the Medal Of Honor (MOH) |
| 4 | • Veterans who are receiving aid and attendance or housebound benefits from VA<br>• Veterans who have been determined by VA to be catastrophically disabled |
| 5 | • Nonservice-connected veterans and noncompensable service-connected veterans rated 0% disabled by VA with annual income and/or net worth below the VA national income threshold and geographically-adjusted income threshold for their resident location<br>• Veterans receiving VA pension benefits<br>• Veterans eligible for Medicaid programs |
| 6 | • World War I veterans<br>• Compensable 0% service-connected veterans<br>• Veterans exposed to Ionizing Radiation during atmospheric testing or during the occupation of Hiroshima and Nagasaki<br>• Project 112/SHAD participants<br>• Veterans who served in the Republic of Vietnam between January 9,1962 and May 7,1975<br>• Veterans of the Persian Gulf War that served between August 2, 1990 and November 11, 1998<br>• Veterans who served in a theater of combat operations after November 11, 1998 as follows:<br>  o Currently enrolled Veterans and new enrollees who were discharged from active duty on or after January 28, 2003, are eligible for the enhanced benefits for 5 years post discharge<br><br>**Note**: At the end of this enhanced enrollment priority group placement time period Veterans will be assigned to the highest Priority Group their unique eligibility status at that time qualifies for. |
| 7 | • Veterans with gross household income below the geographically-adjusted income threshold (GMT) for their resident location and who agree to pay copays |
| 8 | • Veterans with gross household income above the VA national income threshold and the geographically-adjusted income threshold for their resident location and who agrees to pay copays<br>**Veterans eligible for enrollment**: Noncompensable 0% service-connected and:<br>  o Subpriority a: Enrolled as of January 16, 2003, and who have remained enrolled since that date and/or placed in this subpriority due to changed eligibility status<br>  o 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% or less<br>**Veterans eligible for enrollment**: Nonservice-connected and:<br>  o Subpriority c: Enrolled as of January 16, 2003, and who have remained enrolled since that date and/or placed in this subpriority due to changed eligibility status<br>  o 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% or less<br>**Veterans not eligible for enrollment**: Veterans not meeting the criteria above:<br>  o Subpriority e: Noncompensable 0% service-connected<br>  o Subpriority g: Nonservice-connected |