

# 5 YEARS FREE VA Medical Care

## New Combat Veterans



You may be eligible for  
**FREE MEDICAL CARE** from VA  
following your  
separation from  
military service.

Veterans who served in a theater of combat operations or hostilities after November 11, 1998 have no copayment during the five-year period after separating from active duty for hospital care, medical services (to include medications), and nursing home care for **any illness that cannot be clinically ruled out as being related to your combat service.**

- **Currently enrolled combat veterans will have their enhanced enrollment period extended to 5 years from their most recent date of discharge.**
- **Combat veterans who applied for enrollment after January 16, 2003, but were not accepted for enrollment based on the application being outside the previous post-discharge two year window will be automatically reviewed and notified of the enrollment decision.**
- **Combat veterans who never enrolled and were separated from active duty between November 11, 1998 and January 27, 2003 may apply for this enhanced enrollment opportunity through January 27, 2011.**

In addition:

- **If you enroll with VA during these periods you will maintain enrollment status at the end of this period.**

For more information, see [www.VA.gov/EnvironAgents](http://www.VA.gov/EnvironAgents)

**VHA DIR 2008-054, COMBAT VETERAN HEALTH CARE BENEFITS AND COPAY EXEMPTION POST-DISCHARGE FROM MILITARY SERVICE, DATED SEPTEMBER, 2008.**

Contact the nearest VA medical center, vet center, or regional office for more information.

**LOCAL CONTACT INFORMATION:**



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