Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC) provides financial support to qualified Veterans for a wide variety of health services or benefits, including: medical, nursing and related health care; aids for daily living; special equipment; prescription medication; as well as dental, audiology, or vision services.

Who qualifies for treatment benefits?

You may qualify if you:

• have a VAC disability benefit;
• have a VAC-approved rehabilitation plan;
• are receiving VAC support for long term care;
• are receiving assistance through the Veterans Independence Program; or
• are in receipt of the War Veterans Allowance or Canadian Forces Income Support.

How to apply

If you have qualified for any of the programs listed above, you will automatically receive information about VAC’s health benefits. If you do not receive this information or if you have any questions, please visit any VAC office or Integrated Personnel Support Centre (IPSC). To find one of these offices or to learn more about this and other benefits, visit us online at veterans.gc.ca or call us at 1-866-522-2122.

Important information

• A complete listing of covered benefits and services and their respective requirements, such as pre-authorizations, prescriptions, frequency and dollar limits, is available at veterans.gc.ca (search for “Benefit Grids”).
• Many providers have pre-registered with Veterans Affairs Canada, through our contractor Medavie Blue Cross. When using one of these registered providers, you are not required to pay them directly for their services.

Health-related travel

VAC may be able to reimburse expenses incurred when travel is necessary in order to receive a health care benefit—costs include transportation, parking, meals, lodging, etc. Travel is defined as transportation (within Canada) by the most convenient and economical means appropriate to your condition between your home and the closest and most appropriate treatment centre.

You are not required to submit receipts with your travel claim; however, you should retain these receipts and appointment verifications for at least one year in case they are requested.

For more information:

veterans.gc.ca
1 866 522-2122