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VA provides care to eligible Veterans' family members

Did you know some Veterans and their family members have access to VA-covered care through several special programs such as the Civilian Health and Medical Program of VA (CHAMPVA)? More than 700,000 beneficiaries (spouses and children) are eligible to receive specific types of care and services through four family member-focused VA programs:

- CHAMPVA
- Camp LeJeune Family Member Program (CLFMP)
- Children of Women Vietnam Veterans (CWVV)
- Spina Bifida Health Care Benefits Program (SBHCBP).

There are many Veterans and eligible beneficiaries who are not taking advantage of these services that are covered by VA. To get access, you first need to determine if you are eligible for one of the programs.

The four health care benefit programs for Veterans' family members and dependents (beneficiaries) are based on certain conditions and eligibility requirements.

Civilian Health and Medical Program of VA (CHAMPVA)

What: VA shares the cost of covered health care services for those who are eligible under this program.

Who is eligible for CHAMPVA? A spouse, children of a Veteran, or surviving beneficiaries of a Veteran who is rated permanently and totally disabled for a service-connected disability or who was at the time of death eligible for CHAMPVA. Find out more about the program: [CHAMPVA eligibility](#).

How to apply: Complete and mail in the [CHAMPVA application form](#) and [Other Health Insurance certification form](#). If you have Medicare, send a copy of your Medicare card. At this time VFMP cannot take electronic form submissions. Check back on the [How to Apply for CHAMPVA](#) webpage.

Mail forms to:
VHA Office of Integrated Veteran Care
CHAMPVA Eligibility

PO Box 469028
Denver, CO 80246-9063

CHAMPVA Help Line: 800-733-8387, open 8:00 a.m. – 7:30 p.m. ET Monday through Friday.

For more information on CHAMPVA: View this [CHAMPVA Fact Sheet](#) or visit the [CHAMPVA website](#).

Camp Lejeune Family Member Program (CLFMP)

What: VA shares the cost of covered health care services for certain conditions for family members of Veterans who were stationed at Camp Lejeune, Aug. 1, 1953, through Dec. 31, 1987, and exposed to contaminated drinking water.

Who is eligible for CLFMP: Family members (spouse or dependent) of Veterans who lived or served at the Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, between Aug. 1, 1953, and Dec. 31, 1987, and were potentially exposed to contaminated drinking water. You must have lived at Camp Lejeune for 30 days or more during this time.

How to apply: [Apply online](#) (select “Start New Application for Family Member” near the bottom of the page) or fill out this [CLFMP application form](#).

If filling out a paper application, you can fax to (512) 460-5536.

Mail forms to:

Department of Veterans Affairs
Financial Services Center
PO BOX 149200
Austin, TX 78714-9200

For questions about the applications, call 866-372-1144.

For more information on CLFMP: Visit the [Camp Lejeune Family Member Program](#) webpage.

Children of Women Vietnam Veterans Health Care Benefits Program (CWVV)

What: VA provides health care benefits to biological children of women Vietnam Veterans who the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) determined have a covered birth defect. The CWVV is not a comprehensive health care plan. This program pays for health care services necessary for treating those with a covered birth defect and associated medical conditions.

Who is eligible for CWVV: Children whose biological mother is a Vietnam Veteran and who were conceived after the date the Veteran entered the Republic of Vietnam (period beginning Feb. 28, 1961, and ending May 7, 1975), and who have one of the covered birth defects as determined by VBA.

How to apply: Complete this [form](#), and supply medical evidence such as medical records from your doctor, along with a copy of your birth certificate showing both parents and proof of service in Vietnam. Mail all documents to:

Department of Veterans Affairs
Evidence Intake Center
P.O. Box 4444
Janesville, WI 53547-4444

For eligibility questions, call 303-914-2900.

For more information on CWVV: Visit the [CWVV webpage](#).

Spina Bifida Health Care Benefits Program (SBHCBP)

Overview: VA provides monetary allowances, vocational training and rehabilitation, and VA-financed health care benefits to certain Korea and Vietnam Veterans' birth children who have been diagnosed with spina bifida.

How to apply: Contact the Denver VA Regional Office at 303-914-2900 or by email to BDEFECTS.VBADEN@va.gov.

Who is eligible for SBHCBP: Children of a Vietnam or Korean War era Veteran who have been diagnosed with spina bifida.

For more information on SBHCBP: Visit the [Spina Bifida Health Care Benefits Program \(SBHCBP\)](#) webpage.

Reinforcing VA's commitment to care

VA aims to give Veterans peace of mind by caring for their eligible beneficiaries. Our goal is to continue to simplify access to care while fostering a holistic approach to delivering excellent care for Veterans and eligible family members. VA is committed to assisting beneficiaries in making informed decisions about their care options and maximizing their available benefits.

Support and resources

- [Information for Family Members and Dependents – Community Care \(va.gov\)](#)
- [Locating a Provider – Community Care \(va.gov\)](#)
- [Camp Lejeune Family Member Program – Community Care \(va.gov\)](#)
- va.gov/COMMUNITYCARE/pubs/forms.asp

VA simplified the Post-9/11 G.I. Bill® application for Transfer of Entitlement recipients

IT updates cut down the time it takes to apply

When it comes to making the most of your G.I. Bill® benefits, VA knows it's not just about you, but your loved ones too. We've heard your feedback on the Post-9/11 G.I. Bill Transfer of Entitlement (TOE) application experience. Through usability testing sessions, you told us it was lengthy and time consuming. Now, we're on a mission to make it easier to apply.

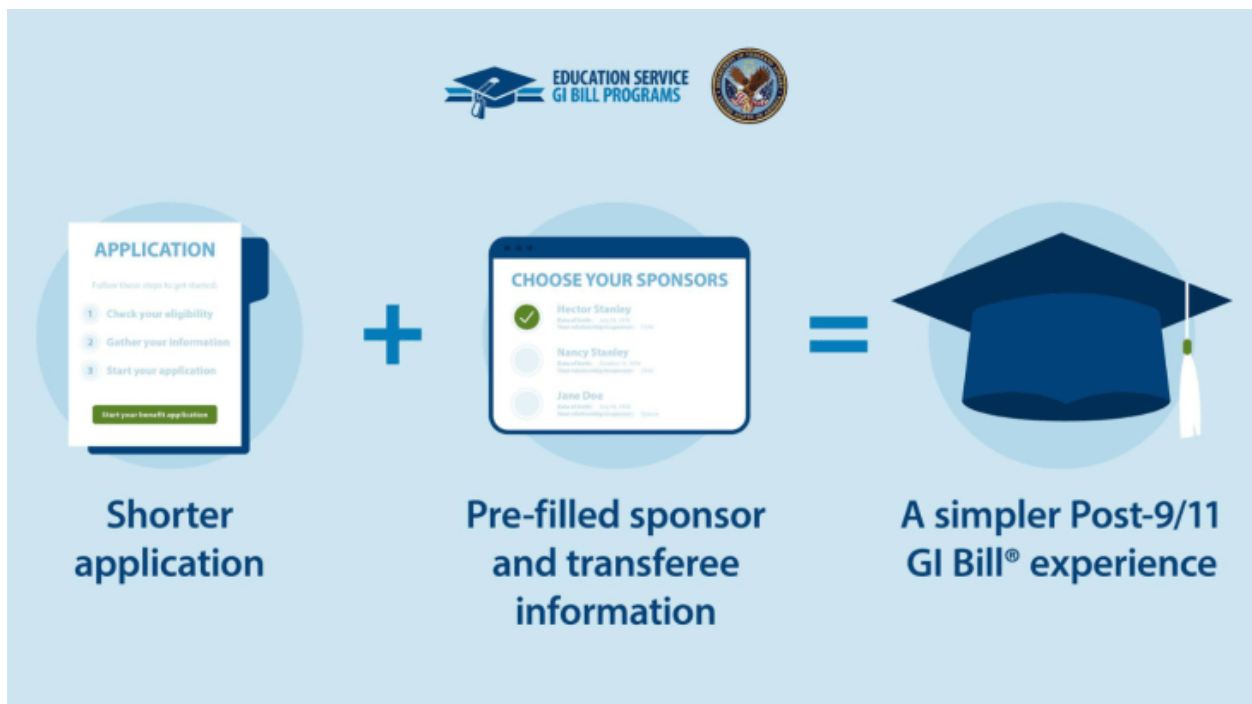
That's why we launched the Digital G.I. Bill (DGIB) initiative. We want the G.I. Bill to work for you. In the [last two years, through DGIB](#), VA enhanced the [Post-9/11 G.I. Bill experience](#). Recent and ongoing IT updates have made the [application on VA.gov](#) easier and faster than ever before to complete.

New features to help your family members

As of March 2023, we improved the application experience for your families. The streamlined application to use transferred Post-9/11 G.I. Bill benefits is now [available on](#) VA.gov. Once logged in with an [account](#) verified by ID.me or Login.gov, TOE applicants may now save time with:

- Pre-filled sponsor details
- Transferee direct deposit information
- A shorter application with less questions
- Easier navigation on VA.gov

“Oh, this is nice. It shows the individuals and their benefits they can give you. [This is very helpful!],” shared one current G.I. Bill student, on the ease and convenience of the pre-filled information feature of the TOE application.



Get started today

To apply,

- You and your family member will need to check your eligibility.
 - The U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) determines if you can transfer your benefits to the family member.
 - Your family member will need to apply at VA.gov to determine their individual eligibility to use the transferred benefits.
- Have the sponsor's military service history, current address, contact information and applicant's direct deposit information handy during the application process to cross-check information.

Tip: Before starting the application, your family member may save time by signing into their VA.gov account that's been [verified by either ID.me or Login.gov](#).

Still have questions? Check out VA.gov to review [FAQs](#) about the transfer process, and login to [milConnect](#) to learn more about transfer requirements and procedures.

You serve, you learn, VA pays

The days of spending time filling out lengthy service history and application information are over. And we're not done yet. We are working to make our VA programs fit your needs, not the other way around. It's your G.I. Bill®, and we'll take care of the rest.

Want to learn more about how we're improving your G.I. Bill experience? Visit [VA.gov](#) and follow the [Post-9/11 G.I. Bill Facebook page](#) for more resources and the latest updates.

**"Be on your guard, stand firm in the faith, being men of courage, be strong."
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Sincerely,

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Need to contact VA?

[Veterans Crisis Line: 1-800-273-8255](#) and press 1, [Chat](#), or Text 838255
[Homeless Veteran Resources: 1-877-424-3838](#) or [Chat](#)
[White House VA Hotline: 1-855-948-2311](#)

[1-800-MyVA411 \(800-698-2411\)](#) is never the wrong number