

Priority 1:

- Veterans with VA-rated service-connected disabilities 50% or more disabling
- Veterans determined by VA to be unemployable because of service-connected conditions

Priority 2:

- Veterans with VA-rated service-connected disabilities 30% or 40% disabling

Priority 3:

- Veterans who are Former Prisoners of War (POWs)
- Veterans awarded a Purple Heart medal
- Veterans whose discharge was for a disability that was incurred or aggravated in the line of duty
- Veterans with VA-rated service-connected disabilities 10% or 20% disabling
- Veterans awarded special eligibility classification under Title 38, U.S.C., § 1151, “*benefits for individuals disabled by treatment or vocational rehabilitation*”

Priority 4:

- Veterans who are receiving aid and attendance or housebound benefits from VA
- Veterans who have been determined by VA to be catastrophically disabled

Priority 5:

- Nonservice-connected veterans and noncompensable service-connected veterans rated 0% disabled by VA with annual income and net worth below the VA National Income Thresholds
- Veterans receiving VA pension benefits
- Veterans eligible for Medicaid programs

Priority 6:

- World War I veterans
- Compensable 0% service-connected veterans
- Veterans exposed to Ionizing Radiation during atmospheric testing or during the occupation of Hiroshima and Nagasaki
- Project 112/SHAD participants
- Veterans who served in a theater of combat operations after November 11, 1998, as follows:
 - 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 five years after discharge
 - Veterans discharged from active duty before January 28, 2003, who apply for enrollment on or after January 28, 2008, are eligible for this enhanced enrollment benefit through January 27, 2011

NOTE: At the end of this enhanced enrollment priority group placement period, veterans will be assigned to the highest Priority Group for which their unique eligibility status at that time qualifies them.

Priority 7:

- Veterans with income and/or net worth above the VA national income threshold and income below the VA National Geographic Income Thresholds who agree to pay copays

Priority 8:

- Veterans with income and/or net worth above the VA National Income Thresholds and the VA National Geographic Income Thresholds who agree to pay copays

Veterans eligible for enrollment: Noncompensable 0% service-connected and:

- **Subpriority a:** Enrolled as of January 16, 2003, and who have remained enrolled since that date and/or have been placed in this subpriority because of changed eligibility status
- **Subpriority b:** Enrolled on or after June 15, 2009, and whose income exceeds the current VA National Income Thresholds or VA National Geographic Income Thresholds by 10% or less

Veterans eligible for enrollment: Nonservice-connected and:

- **Subpriority c:** Enrolled as of January 16, 2003, and who have remained enrolled since that date and/or have been placed in this subpriority because of changed eligibility status
- **Subpriority d:** Enrolled on or after June 15, 2009, and whose income exceeds the current VA National Income Thresholds or VA National Geographic Income Thresholds by 10% or less

Veterans not eligible for enrollment: Veterans not meeting the criteria above:

- **Subpriority e:** Noncompensable 0% service-connected
- **Subpriority g:** Nonservice-connected

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