

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

ADMISSIONS OFFICE 287 West Street Rocky Hill, Connecticut 06067



Dear Veteran:

Ronald P. Welch
Commissioner
Brigadier General U.S. Army (Ret)

Thank you for your interest in the Connecticut Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) Sgt. John L. Levitow Healthcare Center. You have contacted this nursing home and indicated your desire to be admitted as a patient to this facility. Because of this, you have already been issued a receipt indicating the date and time of your initial request, and your name has been placed on our dated list of applications or inquiry list.

Please find enclosed this facility's written application form. As soon as you substantially complete and return the application to the facility, your name will be placed on our waiting list for admission to the facility. Your name will be placed on our waiting list after you substantially complete and return the written application to us. To be eligible for consideration for admission to the DVA Healthcare Center, Veteran must:

- 1. Have received an honorable discharge or general discharge under honorable conditions from the Armed Forces of the United States on Veteran's most recent DD 214.
- 2. Be a resident of Connecticut at time of application or was a resident of Connecticut at time of induction or enlistment into the Armed Forces.
- 3. Have served at least ninety (90) days of active duty in the Armed Forces not including active duty for initial entry training (e.g. basic training).

Applicants to the Healthcare Center must require twenty-four hour long-term skilled nursing care.

For an application to be considered for review the following <u>must</u> be provided:

- Completed and signed Application for Admission with most recent DD 214.
- Proof of Connecticut residency
- > Current Federal VA Benefit Verification Letter
- ➤ All Disability Federal VA Rating Decision Letters
- ➤ DVA Release of Information (*Application Attachment A*)
- Acknowledgement of DVA Rules and Veteran Responsibilities (Application Attachment B).
- ➤ Medical Certificate completed by Primary Care Provider at VA CT Healthcare System or other Physician (*Application Attachment C*)
- ➤ U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs Health Benefits Application (10-10EZ) (Application Attachment D)
- ➤ U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs Medical Information Release (10-5345) (Application Attachment E)

Copies of the following must be provided as applicable:

- > Veterans who are conserved must provide Probate Court Order of Conservatorship.
- Living Will, Healthcare Representative/Proxy and any Power of Attorney document(s).
- Court orders with terms and conditions of Probation or Parole.
- Medical/Health Insurance cards (VA CT Health System Card, Medicare, Medicaid and Private)
- Marriage certificate, if currently married.

For questions concerning admissions to the Healthcare Center call: 860-616-3708. Healthcare Center applications may be submitted via facsimile: 860-616-3548, email: HCC.DVA@ct.gov, or via US mail:

Healthcare Center Admissions Coordinator Department of Veterans Affairs 287 West Street Rocky Hill, CT 06067

Admission denials may be appealed in writing to the Commissioner within ten days of notification of a denial.

Sincerely.

The Connecticut Department of Veterans Affairs

Sgt. John L. Levitow Healthcare Center

Rev. June 29, 2023

Connecticut Department of Veterans Affairs

Application for Residential or Healthcare Center Admission

	ONAL INFORMATION provided such as copy		_	
FIRST NAME	MIDDLE NAME	LAST	NAME	SOCIAL SECURITY #
OTHER NAME/S	MAIDEN NAME	Gender	•	DATE OF BIRTH
USED	(if applicable)		Male ☐ Female	DATE OF BIRTH
			☐ Nonbinary	
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Resident of Connecticut:	From		То	
Current or most recent or	ecupation:			
Select one option:				
Are you seeking admission	on to the Department's Res	idential Fa	<u>cility</u> (independent liv	ring domiciliary)?
Are you seeking admission	on to the Department's Hea	lthcare Ce	nter (skilled nursing f	acility)?
If you are not currently re	esiding in your home listed	, indicate	where are you current	ly staying:
Shelter Substan	ce Abuse Facility Hos	spital	Rest/Nursing Home	With Family/Friends Other
If other, explain				
Name of Facility		Ti	me at Facility:	
Contact Person:	Title:		Phone	o:
RACE, ETHNICITY AND	LANGUAGE: Race and	ethnicity in	nformation is optional	for statistical purposes only. You may
	decline. Decline to pr	•		ioi comicioni puipecto cinje i cui inaj
Race: American Indian or A	Alaska Native Γ	Asian	☐ Black or A	African American
_	Other Pacific Islander	☐ White	_	
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☐ Hispanic, Latino, Sp.	anish Origin		☐ English ☐	Spanish
☐ Not of Hispanic, Lat	ino, Spanish Origin		Other	

	licants must submit a copy of most recent DD 214
BRANCH OF SERVICE	NAME SERVED UNDER (If different from your current name)
☐ Army ☐ Marine Corps ☐ Navy	
☐ Air Force ☐ Space Force ☐ Coast Guard	
DISCHARGE TYPE:	
☐ Honorable ☐ Under Honorable Conditions ☐	Other (explain):
WARS/CONFLICT SERVED IN? ☐ WWII ☐ KOI	REA VIETNAM GULF OTHER:
If you have a service connected disability rating, state po	
For what condition(s):	
You must provide a copy of all current Federal VA Ben Decision Letters.	nefit Verification Letters and all Disability Federal VA Rating
FAILURE TO SUBMIT DD-214 WILL RESUL	T IN TECHNICAL DENIAL OF APPLICATION
SECTION 3. HEALTH INSURANCE INFO	RMATION (Must be completed by all applicants)
Are you covered by private Health Insurance? \(\subseteq \text{ Y}	
If you responded yes to above, provide:	
Name of Policy Holder Po	olicy # Group Code
Health Insurance Company's Name, Address (Street, C	ity, State, Zip) and Telephone #
Are you enrolled in VA CT Healthcare System?	Yes No Not Sure
Do you have Medicare 'A'? ☐ Yes ☐ No M	Medicare 'B'? ☐ Yes ☐ No
Medicare #	Date Issued
Do you have Medicaid? ☐ Yes ☐ No	
Medicaid Claim #	
If not, have you applied for Medicaid? Yes	No
Date applied:	
Date applied:	
Medicaid Case Worker's Name:	Case Worker's Phone Number and/or Email:

		CTS (Must be completed by all	applicants)	
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A. Conservator of		□ NO	o g oj	, o o.,
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B. Conservator	of Estate? YES	□ NO		
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ALSO POWER OF A	TTORNEY? YES	NO ALSO HEALTHCARE	REPRESENTAT	TIVE? YES NO

SECTION 6. CRIMINAL HISTORY (Must be completed by all applicants)
Have you been convicted of a violent crime or felony? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If yes, date(s):
Type of conviction(s):
State of conviction(s):
Are you registered as a sex offender? ☐ Yes ☐ No
Are you currently on probation or on parole? Yes No
Probation:
If yes, for what charges?
Probation/Parole officer name:
Phone number and/or Email:
YOU MUST PROVIDE A COPY OF YOUR CURRENT TERMS/CONDITIONS OF PROBATION/PAROLE
Do you have any outstanding criminal proceedings against you? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If yes, please explain:
SECTION 7. SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER & RECOVERY INFORMATION (Must be completed by all applicants)
Have you ever attended a program for drug and/or alcohol use disorder? Yes No
If yes, state when and where:
Are you currently attending a program for Substance Use Disorder now? Yes No
When did you start?
When will you complete it?
Where is it located?

MEDICAL INFORMATION (Check and complete all items that apply) Residential applicants complete Boxes A, B, C, D, J & K. Healthcare center applicants complete ALL BOXES A. Ambulation B. Continence C. Miscellaneous D. <u>Devices & Incidents</u> Dentures: ☐ Independent ☐ Continent Weight ☐ Upper ☐ Lower ☐ With assist ☐ Incontinent Height Glasses: ☐ Yes ☐ No □ Walker □ Bowel ☐ Hearing impaired Hearing Aid: □ Cane □ Bladder ☐ Speech impaired ☐ Right ☐ Left ☐ Wheelchair manual ☐ Foley catheter ☐ Vision impaired ☐ Wheelchair electric ☐ Texas catheter Falls in past 6 months: ☐ Oxygen ☐ CPAP □ Bedbound ☐ Ostomy (type) ☐ Allergies____ ☐ Transfers ☐ Independent ☐ Skin: ☐ Commode utilized ☐ Assist of □ Reddened Therapies: \square 1 \square 2 ☐ Intact ☐ PT ☐ OT ☐ Speech ☐ Hoyer lift ☐ Sara ☐ Open area Size Prosthetics: Location H. Bathing G. Mental Status E. Feeding F. Behavioral ☐ Cooperative ☐ Independent ☐ Independent ☐ Alert □ Depressed ☐ With assist ☐ With assist ☐ Understands ☐ Withdrawn ☐ Total assist ☐ Total care ☐ Forgetful ☐ Belligerent ☐ Feeding tube ☐ Confused ☐ Noisy \sqcap NG ☐ Non responsive ☐ Needs restraints ☐ Peg ☐ Oriented ☐ Wanders ☐ Gastric I. **Dressing** ☐ Combative ☐ J-tube ☐ Independent ☐ Rate □ Other (Please explain) ☐ With assist ☐ Solution ☐ Total care ☐ Special Diet: ☐ Food Allergies:

J. MEDICATIONS (list all	medications, and if necess	ary attach additional sl	neet of paper)
Name of Medi	cation	Dose	Frequency
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K. Additional information you f	eel important for us to know	regarding your medical	care:
SECTION 9. INCOME & A			
percent (70%) or greater servapplicants must complete this			ns section. <u>An</u> other
A. Income Statement (must be those with a seventy percent			er applicants except
Type of Income	Veteran Amount	Spouse Amount	Frequency
Social Security			
VA Pension Comp			
Retirement/Pension (first)			
Retirement/Pension (second)			
Retirement/Pension (second) Dividends/Interest Rental Property Income			
Dividends/Interest			

SECTION 9 CONTINUED. INCOME & A	ASSET INFORMATION CO	NTINUED
B. Asset Statement (must be completed by all Heapercent service connected disability rating.)	lthcare Center applicants excep	ot those with a seventy
Type of Asset (ID # if applicable)	Veteran Amount	Spouse Amount
Savings Acct #:		
Checking Acct #:		
Cert of Deposit Acct #:		
Stock Cert Acct #:		
Bonds Cert Acct #:		
Funeral Contract #:		
Life Insurance Policy #:		
Motor Vehicle Vin #:		
Real Estate Address:		
Other Asset Acct #:		
APPLICATION SIGNA	ATURE AND CERTIFICATION	<u>DN</u>
Relationship to Veteran of person signing below: If Conservator of Person or Estate signing, below prov Date of Court Or	•	☐ Conservator of Person or Estate*
I certify that all personal, medical and financial is attachments hereto is complete and accurate to the best making a false statement intended to mislead a state misdemeanor pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. §53a-157b Veteran Applicant or Conservator of Person or of I	st of my knowledge and belief a te official in the processing of and is punishable by up to one y	and understand that knowingly this application is a Class A
Signature	Date	
Printed Name	Phone Number	
A summary of your HIPAA rights is included in this apselection and sign below.	PRIVACY RIGHTS oplication as the last two pages, A	Attachment F. Please make a
☐ Acknowledge Receipt of the Notice ☐	Refuse to Sign Acknowledgem	ent of Receipt of the Notice
Signature	Date	
*Veterans Conserved of Person are not eligible for Ro	esidential Program	

APPLICATION ATTACHMENT A

DVA RELEASE OF INFORMATION

Vetera	n's Name:	Date of Birth:
Social Security Number:		VA Claim Number:
	IRS, TO OBTAIN INFORM US VA Medical Centers Other Treatment Facilities: L	
milita psychi	release applies to relevant in	nformation for the admissions process regarding the Veteran's eatment which may include information relating to medical, se, HIV/AIDS, and Sickle Cell to/from such facilities as necessary
related attendi	y with all privacy laws and ru information pursuant to HIPI ing physicians are released	rs, its employees, officers and attending physicians are required to ales including but not limited to the protection of medical and health PA. The Department of Veterans Affairs, its employees, officers and from legal responsibility or liability for the release of the above and authorized herein. This release will automatically <i>expire ninety</i>
Vetera	an or Conservator of Person	1
Signat	ure:	Date:
Printed	d Name:	

¹ Veterans Conserved of Person are not eligible for admission to the Residential Program.

APPLICATION ATTACHMENT BREAD CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS AND VETERAN RESIDENT AND PATIENT RESPONSIBILITIES

All Applicants: I understand and agree that upon admission Veteran Residents and Patients must follow all policies, rules and regulations of the Connecticut Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) copies of which will be provided upon admission. Copies are available prior to admission upon request.

All Applicants: I understand and agree that Veteran Patients in the Healthcare Center are not permitted to maintain or operate a vehicle on the DVA Campus and that any Veteran Resident in the Residential Program with an authorized vehicle on the DVA Campus who are transferred to the Healthcare Center will not be allowed to maintain or operate a vehicle on the DVA Campus.

All Applicants: I understand and agree that Veteran Residents and Veteran Patients are required to register to receive medical care through the VA Connecticut Healthcare system if eligible and that Veteran Residents and Patients are to be active participants in managing their medical care to the fullest extent possible including following all Physician, primary care and Interdisciplinary provider treatment plans and complete an annual physical and PPD test.

All Applicants: I understand and agree that Veteran Residents and Patients will be provided with an assigned room or living space along with state issued furniture that is not to be removed at any time from the DVA Campus.

All Applicants: I understand and agree that Veteran Residents and Patients are responsible for the safe keeping of their medication, personal property and valuables including money, clothing, and jewelry retained by them while a resident of this facility unless such items are in the possession of the DVA pursuant to DVA policy.

All Applicants: I understand and agree that Veteran Residents and Patients who are discharged from the Residential Program Facility or the Healthcare Center are required to have all personal property removed within 60 days and that after that time the DVA has the authority to dispose of said property.

All Applicants: I understand and agree that in the event of the death of a Veteran Resident or Patient, the Commissioner may make a claim against the Veteran's estate for the cost of care provided to the Veteran.

All Applicants: I understand and agree as part of my plan of care to apply for all state and federal medical, insurance and other benefits that I am eligible to receive.

All Applicants: I understand and agree that all firearms, ammunition, and other weapons (including but not limited to knives that present a danger to Staff or other Veterans) are prohibited on campus as all times.

All Applicants: I understand and agree that all alcoholic beverages, alcoholic beverage containers, pornographic materials, marijuana in any form (including medical marijuana), illegal drugs, (including unauthorized prescription medication) and drug paraphernalia are prohibited on campus at all times.

Healthcare Center Applicants or Transferees from Residential Program Facility: I understand and agree that Veteran Patients in the Healthcare Center are required to pay for care provided by the DVA and if unable to pay healthcare costs the Veteran Patient must have a completed and filed "pending" Medicaid (Title XIX) application. I understand Veteran Patients in the Healthcare Center are required to apply for Title XIX Medicaid benefits upon request by the DVA, and take all steps reasonably necessary to obtain Medicaid eligibility including cooperating with DVA staff for the purpose of obtaining Title XIX. While a Title XIX application is pending, I understand that Veteran Patients are responsible for paying their portion of the cost of care as assessed by the DVA pursuant to C.G.S. §27-108 until such time as Title XIX is granted. If Medicaid eligibility is determined by the Department of Social Services (DSS), I understand that Veterans are responsible for contributing their "applied income" towards the cost of care, as computed by the Department of Social Services. Once eligibility is determined, the Veteran Patient agrees to cooperate and take necessary steps to renew and continue eligibility as required by DSS.

Residential Program Applicants: I understand and agree that Veteran Residents in the DVA Residential Program Facility are required to pay a monthly Program Fee, the amount of which is set by the DVA and its Board of Trustees.

Residential Program Applicants: I understand and agree that Veteran Residents who have demonstrated a current abuse of alcohol or prescription medication or the use of illegal drugs will be referred to a treatment program. Urine testing is done on an individual basis when working with Recovery Support Team.

Residential Program Applicants: I understand and agree that Veterans seeking admission to the Residential Program Facility are required to provide verification of their ability to physically perform and manage all Activities of Daily Living (ADL) without assistance and to self-manage their medical and psychiatric care and appointments. Self-reporting, medical records documentation and scheduled interviews with DVA clinicians are utilized to assess admission eligibility. Veterans using adaptive equipment such as a cane, walker or motorized scooter are required to successfully complete a self-evacuation assessment conducted by DVA staff. Veterans appointed a Conservator of Person by a Court are not eligible for admission to the Residential Program Facility.

Residential Program Applicants: I understand and agree as part of my plan of care to meet with an assigned DVA Social Worker and/or Case Manager at least on a monthly basis, if not more frequently to establish and work on identified goals and objectives.

Residential Program Applicants: I understand and agree that Veteran Residents admitted to the Residential Facility will be responsible for the upkeep and cleaning of their assigned living spaces.

Residential Program Applicants: I understand and agree that Veteran Residents are to participate in some type of work activity either non-compensated or compensated. Non-compensated work activity may include assignments that support the daily upkeep and maintenance of the facility. Those Veteran Residents approved for participation in the Veteran Vocation Therapeutic Program (VVTP) will receive compensation for the hours of participation in the VVTP Program and compensation will be based on the established minimum wage.

I understand and agree that this work activity plan will be jointly developed between the Veteran Resident and Staff within 30 days of admission and will be reviewed every 90 days and documented in the medical record. Any updates or changes that need to be made to the plan will be made jointly and also documented in the medical record. The work activity plan will be part of the ITP process and will be reviewed and assessed on an ongoing basis. I hereby consent to the work activity and the work activity plan described herein and further understand and agree that I must approve and consent to the work activity plan as part of the admissions process.

Residential Program Applicants: I understand that I am subject to arrest for any crime committed on the DVA Campus, which may also result in my involuntary discharge from the Residential Facility.

I have read, understand, and acknowledge the requirements and responsibilities set forth above and agree to comply with all requirements and responsibilities as a condition of my admission. *Residential Program Applicants*: I further understand and acknowledge that for continued participation in the Residential Program, I must comply with all requirements and responsibilities set forth above and should I violate any of these requirements and responsibilities or any DVA rules, regulations, or policies, I may be subject to disciplinary action up to and including discharge from the DVA Residential Facility.

Check Applicable box:	Veteran	Conservator	r of Person ¹
Signature of Veteran or 0	Conservator		
Printed Name			
Date:			

¹ Veterans Conserved of Person are not eligible for admission to the Residential Program.

APPLICATION ATTACHMENT C

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE

To be completed by <u>Primary Care Provider</u> at VA CT Healthcare System or by personal physician for Applicants to the Sgt. John L. Levitow Healthcare Center & Residential Program Facility

Veteran Name:		D	Date of Birtl	h:			
Code Status:							
Immunization dates: 1.) Inf	luenza		2.) TD/Tdap 3			3.) Pneumonia	
			5.) COVID	-19	 		
Colonoscopy Date:							
						hin the last year:	
Dates of tetanus/diphtheria:				Date	of Pneumovac	Vaccination:	
Allergies:							
Organ/tissue donor? Y	es No	Med	ical and Su	ırgical His	story		
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Cough A	bdominal Pa	ain				Mental Status	
Dyspnea V	omiting		S	kin		Vision	
Chest Pain U	TI/frequenc	У	D	entures		Hearing	
Substance Abuse		Other					
Physical Exam: P	R	_ B/P		Т	_ Wgt	_Ht	
Check	Normal	Abnorn	nal		Positive 1	Findings	
General							
Head - Eyes/Ears/Mouth							
Chest/ Breast							
Lungs							
Heart/ Vascular							
Abdomen/ Rectum							
Genitalia/ Pelvic							
Extremities/ Back							
Neurologic							
Mental Status							
Skin/ Other							
Laboratory Studies: X-Ray							
Blood Tests: WBC	_ HBG_	H	ICT	PLT_	FBS_	K	
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Name of PCP		Signat	ture of PCP	:		Date:	
Address:					Telephone #: _		



INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING ENROLLMENT APPLICATION FOR HEALTH BENEFITS

Please Read Before You Start... What is VA Form 10-10EZ used for?

For Veterans to apply for enrollment in the VA health care system. The information provided on this form will be used by VA to determine your eligibility for medical benefits and on average will take 30 minutes to complete. This includes the time it will take to read instructions, gather the necessary facts and fill out the form.

Where can I get help filling out the form and if I have questions?

You may use ANY of the following to request assistance:

- Ask VA to help you fill out the form by calling us at 1-877-222-VETS (8387).
- Go to www.va.gov/health-care for information about VA health benefits.
- Contact the Enrollment Coordinator at your local VA health care facility.
- Contact a National or State Veterans Service Organization.

Definitions of terms used on this form:

- SERVICE-CONNECTED (SC): A VA determination that an illness or injury was incurred or aggravated in the line of duty, in the active military, naval or air service.
- COMPENSABLE: A VA determination that a service-connected disability is severe enough to warrant monetary compensation.
- NONCOMPENSABLE: A VA determination that a service-connected disability is not severe enough to warrant monetary compensation.
- NONSERVICE-CONNECTED (NSC): A Veteran who does not have a VA determined service-related condition.

Getting Started:

ALL VETERANS MUST COMPLETE SECTIONS I - III.

Directions for Sections I - III:

Section I - General Information: Answer all questions.

Type of Benefit Applying For:

- Enrollment Veterans applying for enrollment for the Full Medical Benefits Package provide in 38 C.F.R. 17.38 must meet the eligibility requirements of 38 C.F.R. 17.36.
- **Registration** For Registrations, only complete Sections I, II, and III. Enrollment not required Veterans requesting an eligibility assessment, clinical evaluation, care or treatment pursuant to a special treatment authority provided in 38 C.F.R. 17.37:
 - Care for a Veteran with a VA service connected disability rating of 50% or greater
 - Care for a VA rated service connected disability
 - Care for psychosis or other mental illness
 - Care for Military Sexual Trauma treatment (MST)
 - Catastrophically Disabled Examination
 - A veteran who was discharged or released from active military service for a disability incurred or aggravated in the line of duty can receive VA care for the 12-month period following discharge or release
 - Care for a Veteran participating in VA's vocational rehabilitation program under 38 U.S.C. 31

Section II - **Military Service Information:** If you are not currently receiving benefits from VA, you may attach a copy of your discharge or separation papers from the military (such as DD-214 or, for WWII Veterans, a "WD" Form), with your signed application to expedite processing of your application. If you are currently receiving benefits from VA, we will cross-reference your information with VA data.

Section III - Insurance Information: Include information for all health insurance companies that cover you, this includes coverage provided through a spouse or significant other. Bring your insurance cards, Medicare and/or Medicaid card with you to each health care appointment.

Directions for Sections IV-IX:

Section IV - Dependent Information: Include the following:

- Your spouse even if you did not live together, as long as you contributed support last calendar year.
- Your biological children, adopted children, and stepchildren who are unmarried and under the age of 18, or at least 18 but under 23 and attending high school, college or vocational school (full or part-time), or became permanently unable to support themselves before age 18.
- Child support contributions. Contributions can include tuition or clothing payments or payments of medical bills.

Section V - Employment Information:

- Veterans Employment Status
- Date of Retirement
- Company Name

- Company Address
- Company Phone Number

Section VI - Financial Disclosure: ONLY NSC AND 0% NONCOMPENSABLE SC VETERANS MUST COMPLETE THIS SECTION TO DETERMINE ELIGIBILITY FOR VA HEALTH CARE ENROLLMENT AND/OR CARE OR SERVICES.

Financial Disclosure Requirements Do Not Apply To:

- a former Prisoner of War; or
- those in receipt of a Purple Heart; or
- a recently discharged Combat Veteran; or
- those discharged for a disability incurred or aggravated in the line of duty; or
- those receiving VA SC disability compensation; or
- those receiving VA pension; or
- those in receipt of Medicaid benefits; or
- · those who served in an Agent Orange exposure location; or
- those who served in SW Asia during the Gulf War between August 2, 1990 and November 11, 1998; or
- those who served at least 30 days at Camp Lejeune between August 1, 1953 and December 31, 1987.

You are not required to disclose your financial information; however, VA is not currently enrolling new applicants who decline to provide their financial information unless they have other qualifying eligibility factors. If a financial assessment is not used to determine your priority for enrollment you may choose not to disclose your information. However, if a financial assessment is used to determine your eligibility for cost-free medication, travel assistance or waiver of the travel deductible, and you do not disclose your financial information, you will not be eligible for these benefits.

Section VII - Previous Calendar Year Gross Annual Income of Veteran, Spouse and Dependent Children Report:

- Gross annual income from employment, except for income from your farm, ranch, property or business. Include your wages, bonuses, tips, severance pay and other accrued benefits and your child's income information if it could have been used to pay your household expenses.
- Net income from your farm, ranch, property, or business.
- Other income amounts, including retirement and pension income, Social Security Retirement and Social Security Disability income, compensation benefits such as VA disability, unemployment, Workers and black lung, cash gifts, interest and dividends, including tax exempt earnings and distributions from Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs) or annuities.

Do Not Report:

Donations from public or private relief, welfare or charitable organizations; Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and need-based payments from a government agency; profit from the occasional sale of property; income tax refunds, reinvested interest on Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs); scholarships and grants for school attendance; disaster relief payments; reimbursement for casualty loss; loans; Radiation Compensation Exposure Act payments; Agent Orange settlement payments; Alaska Native Claims Settlement Acts Income, payments to foster parent; amounts in joint accounts in banks and similar institutions acquired by reason of death of the other joint owner; Japanese ancestry restitution under Public Law 100-383; cash surrender value of life insurance; lump-sum proceeds of life insurance policy on a Veteran; and payments received under the Medicare transitional assistance program.

Section VIII - Previous Calendar Year Deductible Expenses

Report non-reimbursed medical expenses paid by you or your spouse. Include expenses for medical and dental care, drugs, eyeglasses, Medicare, medical insurance premiums and other health care expenses paid by you for dependents and persons for whom you have a legal or moral obligation to support. Do not list expenses if you expect to receive reimbursement from insurance or other sources. Report last illness and burial expenses, e.g., prepaid burial, paid by the Veteran for spouse or dependent(s).

Section IX - Consent to Copays and to Receive Communications

By submitting this application, you are agreeing to pay the applicable VA copayments for care or services (including urgent care) as required by law. You also agree to receive communications from VA to your supplied email, home phone number, or mobile number. However, providing your email, home phone number, or mobile number is voluntary.

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Submitting Your Application

- 1. You or an individual to whom you have delegated your Power of Attorney must sign and date the form. If you sign with an "X", 2 people you know must witness you as you sign. They must sign the form and print their names. If the form is not signed and dated appropriately, VA will return it for you to complete.
- 2. Attach any continuation sheets, a copy of supporting materials and your Power of Attorney documents to your application.

Where do I send my application?

Mail the original application and supporting materials to the Health Eligibility Center, 2957 Clairmont Road, Suite 200, Atlanta, GA 30329

PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT AND PRIVACY ACT INFORMATION

The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 requires us to notify you that this information collection is in accordance with the clearance requirements of Section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. We may not conduct or sponsor, and you are not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB number. We anticipate that the time expended by all individuals who must complete this form will average 30 minutes. This includes the time it will take to read instructions, gather the necessary facts and fill out the form.

Privacy Act Information: VA is asking you to provide the information on this form under 38 U.S.C. Sections 1705,1710, 1712, and 1722 in order for VA to determine your eligibility for medical benefits. Information you supply may be verified from initial submission forward through a computer-matching program. VA may disclose the information that you put on the form as permitted by law. VA may make a "routine use" disclosure of the information as outlined in the Privacy Act systems of records notices and in accordance with the VHA Notice of Privacy Practices. Providing the requested information is voluntary, but if any or all of the requested information is not provided, it may delay or result in denial of your request for health care benefits. Failure to furnish the information will not have any effect on any other benefits to which you may be entitled. If you provide VA your Social Security Number, VA will use it to administer your VA benefits. VA may also use this information to identify Veterans and persons claiming or receiving VA benefits and their records, and for other purposes authorized or required by law.

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Department of Veterans A	Affairs				VA DATE STAMP (For VHA Use Only)
APPLICATION	I FOR HEALTH BENE	FITS			
SECTION I	- GENERAL INFORMATION				
Federal law provides criminal penalties, includin material fact or making a materially false statement		to 5 years, for concealing	g a		
TYPE OF BENEFIT(S) APPLYING FOR:					
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MALE MAN WOMAN WOMAN NON-BINARY	'	TRANSGENDER WO		YES NO	
5. WHAT IS YOUR RACE? (You may check more	than one. Information is required for	r statistical purposes onl	v.)	6. SO	OCIAL SECURITY NO.
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7A. DATE OF BIRTH (mm/dd/yyyy) 7B. PLAC	E OF BIRTH (City and State)	8. PREFEF	RRED LANGUAGE	9.	. RELIGION
10A. MAILING ADDRESS (Street)	10B. CITY	10C. STAT	E 10D. ZIP Co	ODE	10E.COUNTY
10F. HOME TELEPHONE NO. (optional) (Include Area Cod	10G. MOBILE TELEPHONE NO	(Include Area Code)	10H. E-MAIL ADD	DRESS	(optional)
11A. HOME ADDRESS (Street)	11B. CITY	11C. STAT	E 11D. ZIP Co	ODE	11E.COUNTY
12. CURRENT MARITAL STATUS MARRIED NEVER MARRIED	SEPARATED WIDOWE	D DIVORCED			
13A. NEXT OF KIN NAME	13B. NEXT OF KIN ADDRESS		13	BC. NEX	KT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP
13D. NEXT OF KIN TELEPHONE NO. (Include Area Code) 14A. EMERGENCY CONTACT NAME 14B. EMERGENCY CONTACT TELEPHONE NO. (Include Area Code)					
15. DESIGNEE - INDIVIDUAL TO RECEIVE POS DEPARTURE OR AT THE TIME OF DEATH (IISES UNDER VA	CONT	ROL AFTER YOUR
16. WHICH VA MEDICAL CENTER OR OUTPATE (for listing of facilities visit www.va.gov/find-lo		17. WOULD YOU LIFT APPOINTMENT?	?	ONTAC	T YOU TO SCHEDULE YOUR FIRST

APPLICATION FOR HEALTH BENEFITS Continued				VETERAN'S NAME (Last, First, Middle) SOCIAL SECURIT						Y NUMB	ER	
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2. MILITARY HISTORY (Check yes or	no)		YE	ES	NO			•			YES	NO
A. ARE YOU A PURPLE HEART AWA	RD RECIPIENT?	?				F. DO YOU HA	VE A VA S	ERVICE-CONNI	ECTE	RATING?		
B. ARE YOU A FORMER PRISONER	OF WAR?						JANUARY !	9, 1962 AND JU	ILY 31,	1980?		
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1. ENTER YOUR HEALTH INSURANG					,							
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5. ARE YOU ELIGIBLE FOR MEDICA (Federal health insurance for low i		6A. ARE YOU EI HOSPITAL II							JMBER:			
YES NO		YES	NO				·					
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1A. SPOUSE'S SOCIAL SECURITY N	UMBER				2/	2A. CHILD'S DATE OF BIRTH (mm/dd/yyyy) 2B. CHILD'S SOCIAL SECURITY NO.					/ NO.	
1B. SPOUSE'S DATE OF BIRTH (mm.	/dd/yyyy)				20	C. DATE CHILD E	BECAME YO	OUR DEPENDE	NT (m	m/dd/yyyy)		
1C. SPOUSE'S SELF-IDENTIFIED GE	NDER IDENTITY	Y			21	2D. CHILD'S RELATIONSHIP TO YOU (Check one)						
MAN WOMAN TRANSGENDER WOMAN	☐ TRANSG	ENDER MAN				SON DAUGHTER STEPSON STEPDAUGHTER						
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g aggerency on veceral sy						YES NO						
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3. IF YOUR SPOUSE OR DEPENDEN YEAR, DID YOU PROVIDE SUPPO		OT LIVE WITH YOU	LAST	Γ								
YES NO												
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SECTION V	'I - FINANCIAL DISCLOSUR	RE	
Disclosure allows VA to accurately determine whether certain Veterans we priority. Veterans are not required to disclose their financial information. may be responsible for any applicable VA copayments, if they are enrolled complete Sections VII and VIII to have their priority for enrollment and from the interval of the military experience. No, I do not wish to provide financial information in Sections VII through the sections.	Veterans who choose not to disclose I. Recent Combat Veterans (e.g., of nancial eligibility for travel assistance)	e financial information may n OEF/OIF/OND) may answe ce, cost-free medications and	not be eligible for enrollment or r YES in Section VI and /or medical care for services
Yes, I will provide my household financial information for last calend Benefits section.			
SECTION VII - PREVIOUS CALENDAR YEAR GROSS A (Use a separa	ANNUAL INCOME OF VETE te sheet for additional depender		EPENDENT CHILDREN
GROSS ANNUAL INCOME FROM EMPLOYMENT (wages, bonuses, tips, etc.) EXCLUDING INCOME FROM YOUR FARM, RANCH, PROPERTY C BUSINESS NET INCOME FROM YOUR FARM, RANCH, PROPERTY OR BUSINESS	VETERAN \$	\$ SPOUSE	\$\$
3. LIST OTHER INCOME AMOUNTS (e.g., Social Security, compensation, pension, interest, dividends) EXCLUDING WELFARE.	\$	\$	\$
SECTION VIII - PREVIOUS	CALENDAR YEAR DEDUCT	TIBLE EXPENSES	
 TOTAL NON-REIMBURSED MEDICAL EXPENSES PAID BY YOU OR YO Medicare, health insurance, hospital and nursing home) VA will calcul AMOUNT YOU PAID LAST CALENDAR YEAR FOR FUNERAL AND BUR FOR YOUR DECEASED SPOUSE OR DEPENDENT CHILD (Also enter second contents) 	ate a deductible and the net medical IAL EXPENSES (INCLUDING PREP	expenses you may claim. AID BURIAL EXPENSES)	\$ \$
3. AMOUNT YOU PAID LAST CALENDAR YEAR FOR YOUR COLLEGE OF fees, materials) DO NOT LIST YOUR DEPENDENTS' EDUCATIONAL	R VOCATIONAL EDUCATIONAL EXF	ŕ	\$
SECTION IX - CONSENT TO C	OPAYS AND TO RECEIVE	COMMUNICATIONS	
By submitting this application, you are agreeing to pay the applicable agree to receive communications from VA to your supplied email, hor or mobile number is voluntary.			
ASSIG	GNMENT OF BENEFITS		
I understand that pursuant to 38 U.S.C. Section 1729 and 42 U.S.C. 2651, the (HP) or any other legally responsible third party for the reasonable charges authorize payment directly to VA from any HP under which I am covered to charges for my medical care, including benefits otherwise payable to me of entity who is or may be legally responsible for the payment of the cost of not prejudice my right to recover for my own benefit any amount in excess of the entitled. I hereby appoint the Attorney General of the United States and the and appropriate actions in order to recover and receive all or part of the amount administrative agency who may be responsible for payment of the cost of my claim. Further, I hereby authorize any such third party or administrative	of nonservice-connected VA medical fineluding coverage provided under my spouse. Furthermore, I hereby a nedical services provided to me by the cost of medical services provided. Secretary of Veterans' Affairs and count herein assigned. I hereby author of medical services provided to me, it agency to disclose to the VA any in	al care or services furnished my spouse's HP) that is responsesign to the VA any claim I he VA. I understand that this id to me by the VA or any oth their designees as my Attorney to the VA to disclose, to maniformation from my medical information regarding my claim	or provided to me. I hereby onsible for payment of the may have against any person or assignment shall not limit or er amount to which I may be eys-in-fact to take all necessary by attorney and to any third party I records as necessary to verify im.
ALL APPLICANTS MUST SIGN AND DATE THIS FORM. REFER T	O INSTRUCTIONS WHICH DEFI	NE WHO CAN SIGN ON E	BEHALF OF THE VETERAN.

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DATE (mm/dd/yyyy)

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

(Sign in ink)

APPLICATION ATTACHMENT E

Department of Veterans Affairs

REQUEST FOR AND AUTHORIZATION TO RELEASE HEALTH INFORMATION

PRIVACY ACT AND PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT INFORMATION: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 requires us to notify you that this information collection is in accordance with the clearance requirements of section 3507 of the Act. We may not conduct or sponsor, and you are not required to respond to, a collection of information unless is displays a valid OMB number. We anticipate that the time expended by all individuals who must complete this form will average 2 minutes. This includes the time it will take to read the instructions, gather the necessary facts and fill out this form. The execution of this form does not authorize the release of information other than that specifically described below.

The information requested on this form is solicited under Title 38 U.S.C. The form authorizes release of information in accordance with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, 45 CFR Parts 160 and 164; 5 U.S.C. 552a; and 38 U.S.C. 5701 and 7332 that you specify. Your disclosure of the information requested on this form is voluntary. However, if information needed to locate records for release is not furnished completely and accurately, VA will be unable to comply with the request. The Veterans Health Administration may not condition the provision of treatment, payment, enrollment in the VA Health Care Program, or eligibility for benefits on the signing of an authorization, except for research-related treatment where an authorization for the use or disclosure of individually-identifiable health information for such research is required. VA may disclose the information that you put on the form as permitted by law. VA may make a "routine use" disclosure of the information as outlined in the Privacy Act system of records notices identified as 24VA10A7 "Patient Medical Record - VA", 08VA05 "Employee Medical File System Records (Title 38)-VA" and in accordance with the Notice of Privacy Practices. VA may also use this information to identify Veterans and person claiming or receiving VA benefits and their records, and for other purposes authorized or required by law.

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TO: DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS (Name and Location of the VA Health Care Facility)				
LAST NAME- FIRST NAME- MIDDLE NAME	DATE OF BIRTH (mm/dd/yyyy)			
PATIENT'S MAILING ADDRESS (including City, State and Zip Code)				
NAME AND ADDRESS OF ORGANIZATION, INDIVIDUAL, OR TITLE OF INDIVIDUAL TO WHOM INFORMATION IS TO BE RELEASED				
PURPOSE(S) OR NEED: Information is to be used by the requestor for:				
TREATMENT BENEFITS LEGAL EMPLOYMENT OTHER (Please specify below)):			
INFORMATION REQUESTED: Check applicable box(es) and state the extent or nature of information to be provide	ed:			
HEALTH SUMMARY (Prior 2 Years)				
PATIENT MEDICAL RECORDS (Dates):				
INPATIENT DISCHARGE SUMMARY (Dates):				
PROGRESS NOTES:				
SPECIFIC CLINICS (Name & Date Range):				
SPECIFIC PROVIDERS (Name & Date Range):				
DATE RANGE:				
OPERATIVE/CLINICAL PROCEDURES (Name & Date):				
LAB RESULTS:				
SPECIFIC TESTS (Name & Date):				
DATE RANGE:				
RADIOLOGY REPORTS (Name & Date):				
LIST OF ACTIVE MEDICATIONS:				
VACCINATION (Dose, Lot Number, Date & Location):				
ADMINISTRATIVE RECORDS:				
OTHER (Describe):				

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LAST NAME- FIRST NAME- MIDDLE NAME			DATE OF BIRTH (mm/ad/yyyy)
SENSITIVE DIAGNOSES: REVIEW AND, IF APPROPE	RIATE, COMPLETE WHEN REI	LEASE IS FOR ANY PUR	POSE
I request and authorize Department of Veterans Affairs t listed in this authorization.	o release the information pertain	ning to the condition(s) belonger	ow for the non-treatment purpose(s)
☐ DRUG ABUSE ☐ ALCOHOLISM OR ALCO	HOL ABUSE SICKLE	CELL ANEMIA	
HUMAN IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS (HIV)			
I understand that information on these sensitive diagnos released even if the boxes are unchecked <u>unless</u> I indica disclosure.	es may be released for treatmer ate by checking the box below th	nt purposes without me ch aat I do not want this inforn	ecking the above boxes, and will be nation released for this specific
I do not want sensitive diagnoses released for to other future requests unrelated to this authorization.		specific authorization. I	realize this does not impact
AUTHORIZATION: I certify that this request has been accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge. I use authorization in writing, at any time except to the extended receipt by the Release of Information Unit at the facility unauthorized redisclosure, and the information may not	nderstand that I will receive a c t that action has already been ta y housing records. Any disclosu	opy of this form after I sinken to comply with it. Where of information carries	gn it. I may revoke this ritten revocation is effective upon
I understand that the VA health care provider's opinion benefits or, if I receive VA benefits, their amount. They Regional Office that specializes in benefit decisions.			
EXPIRATION: Without my express revocation, the author	prization will automatically expire	(select one of the followi	ng):
AFTER ONE-TIME DISCLOSURE, IF ALL NEEDS ARE SATISFIED			
ON (mm/dd/yyyy) (enter a future date other than date signed by patient)			
UNDER THE FOLLOWING CONDITION(S):			
PATIENT SIGNATURE (Sign in ink)		Di	ATE (mm/dd/yyyy)
LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE (if applicable) (Sign in ink)	DA	ATE (mm/dd/yyyy)
PRINT NAME OF LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE		RELATIONSHIP TO PA	TIENT
FOR VA USE ONLY			
TYPE AND EXTENT OF MATERIAL RELEASED			
DATE RELEASED (mm/dd/yyyy)	RELEASED BY:		

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APPLICATION ATTACHMENT F



State of Connecticut Department of Veterans Affairs



287 West Street Rocky Hill, Connecticut 06067

CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS ("DVA") SUMMARY OF YOUR HIPAA PRIVACY RIGHTS

(Health Insurance Portability Accountability Act)

THIS NOTICE DESCRIBES HOW MEDICAL INFORMATION ABOUT YOU MAY BE USED AND DISCLOSED AND HOW YOU CAN GET ACCESS TO THIS INFORMATION. PLEASE REVIEW IT CAREFULLY.

DVA'S DUTIES:

The Connecticut Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) is required by law to keep your protected health information private, to provide you with notice of our legal duties and privacy practices concerning your protected health information and to notify you following a breach of unsecured protected health information. The DVA must also follow all of the rules listed in this notice and send or give you a new notice if we make important changes to our privacy rules and practices. The DVA reserves the right to change its privacy practices. If the privacy practices change, the DVA will send you a new notice. The new privacy practices will apply to the information the DVA already has about you.

YOUR RIGHTS:

While the records we maintain about you belong to the agency, under federal privacy law, you have a variety of rights with respect to the information in those records. For example:

- You have the right to inspect and request a copy of your health records. Apply
 to Medical Records in writing. There will be a charge for providing you with copies.
- You may request that we **amend your medical record** if you believe your record is incorrect or incomplete. Apply to Medical Records in writing.
- You may request a list of whom we sent information about you to up to the last six years. Apply to Medical Records in writing.
- You may request restrictions or limitations on your health information we disclose (see below). Again, apply to Medical Records in writing.
- You may request we communicate with you about medical matters in a certain way or at a certain location. Apply to Medical Records in writing.
- You may authorize (in writing) other releases of your health information not described above.
- Except for legal disclosures described below, **your authorization is necessary** before your health records are shared for any other reason.
- You have the right to file a complaint (see below) if you believe your rights have been violated. You will not be penalized if you file a complaint.

LEGAL DISCLOSURES THAT WE MAY MAKE WITHOUT YOUR PERMISSION:

We may use and disclose your protected health information to carry out **Treatment**, **Payment**, or **Healthcare Operations** without your permission. Below are examples of when we may disclose your information:

- To exchange information with other state agencies as required by law.
- To avert a serious threat to your health or safety or the health and safety of the public.
- To treat you in an emergency or something is preventing us from communicating with you.
- To health insurance companies we may bill
- For organ and tissue donation.
- To communicate with law enforcement if you are the victim of a crime, involved in a crime, or threatening to commit a crime.
- If it is believed that you have been a victim of abuse or domestic violence.
- To the Food and Drug Administration to report adverse events, product defects, and so on.
- To coroners, medical examiners, and funeral directors so they may do their job.
- To healthcare oversight agencies such as the State Health Department for audits, investigations, inspections, or licensing purposes.
- For lawsuits and disputes when ordered to do so by a court or administrative order.
- As required by state, federal, or local law.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR QUESTIONS:

As this document nor the Full Notice of Privacy Practices covers every possible use or disclosure, for further information, please contact your DVA Social Worker or HIMS (DVA Medical Records Department) at (860) 616-3763.

IF YOU THINK THE DVA SHARED YOUR INFORMATION INCORRECTLY:

You may complain in writing to the DVA HIPAA Officer at 287 West Street, Rocky Hill, CT 06067 or to the Connecticut Attorney General's Office at 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT 06106.

You may also file complaint with the federal Office for Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services by mail, fax, email or via the online OCR Complaint Portal (encouraged method). Mailing address is: Centralized Case Management Operations, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 200 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 509F HHH Bldg., Washington, D.C. 20201. Email address is OCRComplaint@hhs.gov. Complaint is to be filed within 180 days of when the problem occurred. Your benefits will not be affected if you make a complaint.