



# Application for CHAMPVA Benefits

VA Health Administration Center      CHAMPVA Eligibility      PO Box 469028      Denver, CO 80246-9028      1-800-733-8387      FAX 303-331-7809

**Attention:** Please review the instructions on the reverse side and then complete this form in its entirety (print or typewritten only). Return the form and any additional requested information to the address shown above. You must complete a VA Form 10-7959c for each person in Section II that indicates they have Medicare or any other health insurance before we will be able to complete your application. Please do NOT exceed the designated space.

## Section I - Sponsor Information

Veteran's Last Name		First Name		MI	Social Security Number		VA File Number (Claim Number)	
Street Address		City			State	Zip Code		
Telephone Number (include area code)			Date of Birth (mm-dd-yyyy)			Date of Marriage (mm-dd-yyyy)		
Is veteran deceased?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If yes → If no go to sect. II	Date of Death (mm-dd-yyyy)		Did veteran die while on active military service?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

## Section II - Applicant Information (if necessary, continue on additional 10-10d and complete in its entirety)

Last Name		First Name		MI	Social Security Number		Sex <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	
Street Address		City			State	Zip Code		
Telephone Number (include area code)		Date of Birth (mm-dd-yyyy)		Eligible for Medicare? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Other Health Insurance? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Relationship to the veteran (i.e., spouse, child, stepchild)
		<small>If yes, complete VA Form 10-7959c and attach a copy of Medicare Card</small>		<small>If yes, complete VA Form 10-7959c and attach a copy of Insurance card</small>				

Last Name		First Name		MI	Social Security Number		Sex <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	
Street Address		City			State	Zip Code		
Telephone Number (include area code)		Date of Birth (mm-dd-yyyy)		Eligible for Medicare? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Other Health Insurance? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Relationship to the veteran (i.e., spouse, child, stepchild)
		<small>If yes, complete VA Form 10-7959c and attach a copy of Medicare Card</small>		<small>If yes, complete VA Form 10-7959c and attach a copy of Insurance card</small>				

Last Name		First Name		MI	Social Security Number		Sex <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	
Street Address		City			State	Zip Code		
Telephone Number (include area code)		Date of Birth (mm-dd-yyyy)		Eligible for Medicare? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Other Health Insurance? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Relationship to the veteran (i.e., spouse, child, stepchild)
		<small>If yes, complete VA Form 10-7959c and attach a copy of Medicare Card</small>		<small>If yes, complete VA Form 10-7959c and attach a copy of Insurance card</small>				

## Section III - Certification

Federal Laws (18 USC 287 and 1001) provide for criminal penalties for knowingly submitting false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims

I certify that the above information is correct and true to the best of my knowledge and belief. (Sign and date on right.) If certification is signed by a person other than an applicant, complete the following:

Signature (type if electronic)						Date	
X							
Last Name		First Name		MI	Telephone Number (include area code)		Relationship to Applicant(s)
Street Address		City			State	Zip Code	

**Notice:** Termination of marriage by divorce or annulment to the qualifying sponsor ends CHAMPVA eligibility as of midnight on the effective date of the dissolution of marriage. Changes in status should be reported immediately to CHAMPVA, ATTN: Eligibility Unit, PO Box 469028, Denver, CO 80246-9028 or call 1-800-733-8387.

**Privacy Act Information:** The authority for collection of the requested information on this form is 38 USC 501 and 1781. The purpose of collecting this information is to determine your eligibility for CHAMPVA benefits. The information you provide may be verified by a computer matching program at any time. You are requested to provide your social security number as your VA record is filed and retrieved by this number. You do not have to provide the requested information on this form but if any or all of the requested information is not provided, it may delay or result in denial of your request for CHAMPVA benefits. Failure to furnish the requested information will have no adverse impact on any other VA benefit to which you may be entitled. The responses you submit are considered confidential and may be disclosed outside VA only if the disclosure is authorized under the Privacy Act, including the routine uses identified in the VA system of records number 54VA16, titled "Health Administration Center Civilian Health and Medical Program Records -VA", as set forth in the Compilation of Privacy Act Issuances via online GPO access at <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/privacyact/index.html>. For example, information including your Social Security number may be disclosed to contractors, trading partners, health care providers and other suppliers of health care services to determine your eligibility for medical benefits and payment for services.

**The Paperwork Reduction Act:** This information collection is in accordance with the clearance requirements of section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 10 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection, including suggestions for reducing the burden, may be addressed by calling the CHAMPVA Help Line, 800-733-8387. Respondents should be aware that notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information if it does not display a currently valid OMB control number. The purpose of this data collection is to determine eligibility for CHAMPVA benefits.

## Application for CHAMPVA Benefits – Important Notes and Definitions

### ***CHAMPVA Eligibility Criteria***

The following persons are eligible for CHAMPVA benefits, **providing they are NOT eligible for DoD's TRICARE benefits:**

- the spouse or child of a veteran who has been rated by a VA regional office as having a permanent and total service-connected condition/disability;
- the surviving spouse or child of a veteran who died as a result of a VA-rated service-connected condition; or who, at the time of death, was rated permanently and totally disabled from a service-connected condition; and
- the surviving spouse or child of a person who died in the line of duty and not due to misconduct.

***Medicare Impact.*** If you are eligible for Medicare Part A and you are under age 65, you MUST have Part B to be covered by CHAMPVA. Effective October 1, 2001, CHAMPVA benefits were extended to beneficiaries age 65 or older. If you are eligible for Medicare Part A and you are age 65 or older, you are required to have Part B to be covered by CHAMPVA if your 65th birthday was on or after June 5, 2001, or if you were already enrolled in Part B prior to June 5, 2001.

### ***Eligibility Definitions***

***Service-connected condition/disability*** – refers to a VA determination that a veteran's illness or injury was incurred or aggravated while on active duty in military service and resulted in some degree of disability.

***Sponsor*** – refers to the veteran upon whom CHAMPVA eligibility for the applicant is based.

***Spouse*** – Refers to a wife/husband or widow(er) of an eligible CHAMPVA sponsor - If the spouse remarries prior to age 55, CHAMPVA benefits end on the date of the remarriage. Effective February 4, 2003, if the spouse remarries on or after age 55, CHAMPVA benefits continue. Additionally, in some instances, a remarried surviving spouse whose remarriage is either terminated by death, divorce or annulment is CHAMPVA eligible when supported by a copy of the appropriate documentation (death certificate/divorce decree/annulment certification).

***Child*** – Includes legitimate, adopted, illegitimate, and stepchildren. To be eligible, the child must be unmarried and: 1) under the age of 18; or 2) who, before reaching age 18, became permanently incapable of self-support as rated by a VA regional office; or 3) who, after reaching age 18 and continuing up to age 23, is enrolled in a full-time course of instruction at an approved educational institution---school certification required (see below).

***NOTE:*** Except for stepchildren, the eligibility of children is not affected by divorce or remarriage of the spouse or surviving spouse.

### ***School Certification***

In order to extend CHAMPVA benefits to students age 18 to 23, school certification of full-time enrollment must be submitted by the college, vocational or high school, etc. Student status for CHAMPVA purposes is established up to a full school term based on the initial enrollment letter from the accredited education institution, that is, four years (4) for traditional schooling programs, two years (2) for technical schooling programs. An annual recertification letter from the student stating that they are still enrolled in an accredited educational institution on a full-time basis is required until graduation or age 23. For high schools, this period is the normal beginning and ending school year.

School certification letters should be on school letterhead and include:

- Student's full name
- Student's Social Security number (SSN)
- Exact beginning date and projected graduation date
- Number of semester hours or equivalent (high schools excluded)
- Certification of full-time status

School generated forms are acceptable as long as they provide the above information. While certifications submitted in a foreign language are acceptable, additional time will be required for translation. Certifications may be submitted by mail to the address on the front or by FAX to 1-303-331-7809.

***NOTE:*** It is important to notify the Health Administration Center of any change in student status such as withdrawal or change from full-time to part-time status. School vacation periods, holidays, and summer breaks\* are not considered an interruption in full-time attendance and will not create a break in CHAMPVA eligibility.

\*providing the student attends school on a full-time basis both before and after the summer break