

Beginning March 5, 2024, VA is making all Veterans who meet the basic service and discharge requirements and were exposed to toxins while serving our country eligible to enroll directly in VA health care without first applying for VA benefits. We're using every tool at VA's disposal to ensure that as many of these Veterans as possible come to VA for their care.

This expansion of care means that all Veterans who served in the Vietnam War, the Gulf War, Iraq, Afghanistan, the Global War on Terror or any other combat zone after 9/11 will be eligible to enroll directly in VA health care without first applying for VA benefits. Additionally, Veterans who never deployed but were exposed to toxins or hazards while training or on active duty in the United States will also be eligible to enroll.

VA has prepared this PACT Act Stakeholder Toolkit for you to use and share information about VA's expansion of health care eligibility for Veterans. The Toolkit offers multiple communications resources you can use to reach your community members and help them better understand expanded care under PACT Act.

We value your support and thank you for sharing vital VA health information with your constituents to assist Veterans, their families and survivors in receiving the care they deserve. If a Veteran community member asks you about the PACT Act, please direct them to [www.va.gov/PACT](http://www.va.gov/PACT) or call 1-800-MyVA411.

## Key messages

- Beginning March 5, we're making millions of Veterans eligible for VA health care years earlier than called for by the PACT Act.
- Specifically, all Veterans who meet the basic service and discharge requirements and were exposed to toxins and other hazards while serving our country—at home or abroad—will be eligible to enroll directly in VA health care without first applying for VA benefits.
- That includes all Veterans who served in the Vietnam War, the Gulf War, Iraq, Afghanistan, or any other combat zone after 9/11.
- It includes all Veterans who deployed in support of the Global War on Terror.
- And it includes Veterans who never deployed but were exposed to toxins or hazards while training or on active duty here at home, including those who worked with chemicals, pesticides, lead, asbestos, certain paints, nuclear weapons, x-rays and more.
- We're doing this because VA care is proven to be the best, most affordable health care in America for Veterans and we want as many Veterans as possible to come to us for their care.
- So, to all the Veterans out there: don't wait, apply for the care you deserve at [VA.gov/PACT](http://VA.gov/PACT).

- Even if you don't need this care today, you might need it tomorrow, or the next day, or 30 years from now. It's quick and easy to apply. And once you're in, you have access for life.