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Veteran Health Identification Card

Since 2014, Department of Veteran Affairs (VA) has been issuing enrolled Veterans a Veteran Health Identification Card (VHIC) that eliminates the use of your Social Security Number (SSN). Your VHIC is like a typical health insurance ID card. It contains your Member ID, an expiration date, Plan ID and your name. Additional features on your VHIC include your branch of service, Electronic Data Interchange Personal Identifier (EDIPI) and features the letters "VA" in braille to assist our vision-impaired Veterans with identifying and using their card.



Don't have a VHIC?

You must be enrolled in the VA Health Care system to receive a card. We encourage you to apply for enrollment online at www.va.gov/health-care/apply/application/introduction, or in person at your local VA medical facility. Once your enrollment is verified, your picture can be taken at your local VA medical center so that your VHIC can be created and mailed to you.

As an enrollee, verification of your identity is required when you request a VHIC. You must provide one unexpired, approved document from the chart below:

Primary Identification

Present ONE form of Primary Identification (Unexpired)

Driver's license

U.S. Passport or U.S. Passport Card

Other Government ID

This ID can be issued by federal, state or local government agencies provided it contains a photograph, name, date of birth and address. If the address is not on the document, you can provide separate documentation to confirm the address information. Acceptable address documents include:

- Electric bill
- Cable bill
- · Other mailing document
- Voters Registration card

For more information on the VHIC, visit https://www.va.gov/healthbenefits/vhic/.