



Summary of Veteran and Military Health Programs

	Veterans Health Administration 800-827-1000	TRICARE 877-874-2273	TRICARE for Life 866-773-0404	CHAMPVA 800-733-8387	CHAMPVA for Life 800-733-8387
Eligible Population	Qualified veterans	Uniformed service members and their families; Retired uniform service members under 65 years old and their families	Retired uniformed service members 65 years and older and their families, survivors, and former spouses	Spouse and dependents of a veteran who is/was totally disabled from a service-connected disability	Spouses and dependents of a veteran who is/was totally disabled from a service-connected disability. Spouse/dependent must be 65 years or older and have Medicare.
Required to enroll in Medicare?	No	Required to enroll in Parts A and B. Not required to enroll in Part D. If in Part D, cannot use TRICARE drug benefit.	Required to enroll in Parts A and B. Not required to enroll in Part D.	Required to enroll in Part A and B if under 65 or turned 65 on or after 6/5/01. Not required to enroll in Part D.	Required to enroll in Part A and B if turned 65 on or after 6/5/01. Not required to enroll in Part D.
Coordination with Medicare	No coordination. Beneficiary must choose which benefit to use for each service. But if VA authorizes services at non-VA facility and does not pay for all services, Medicare may pay secondary.	Medicare pays first and TRICARE pays second. TRICARE will pay Medicare deductibles and co-insurances as well as any services TRICARE covers that Medicare does not.	Medicare pays first and TRICARE for Life pays second.	Medicare pays first and CHAMPVA pays second.	Medicare pays first and CHAMPVA for Life pays second.
Provides creditable drug coverage?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

