



U.S. Department
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VA Dental Insurance Program (VADIP) Fact Sheet



The Department of Veterans Affairs provides comprehensive dental care to Veterans who meet eligibility standards; however, the benefit is not available to many Veterans. VA would like all Veterans and beneficiaries to have access to good oral health. Good oral health is more than just a nice smile or ability to chew favorite foods – it impacts a person’s overall health throughout his or her life.

VA’s Dental Insurance Program (VADIP) offers enrolled Veterans and beneficiaries of VA’s Civilian Health and Medical Program (CHAMPVA) the opportunity to purchase dental insurance at a reduced cost.

VADIP was established as a pilot program by the Caregivers and Veterans Omnibus Health Services Act of 2012. The pilot program, which began Jan. 1, 2014, and ended Jan. 31, 2017, assessed the feasibility and advisability of providing a premium-based dental insurance plan to eligible individuals. The VA Dental Insurance Reauthorization Act of 2016, signed into law July 29, 2016, allows VA to continue VADIP until Dec. 31, 2021.

VA has selected Delta Dental of California and MetLife to once again offer private insurance coverage for VADIP. Enrollment will begin Nov. 15, 2017, for coverage to start Dec. 1, 2017. For more information, visit www.va.gov/healthbenefits/VADIP.

Pilot program contracts with dental insurance providers Delta Dental and MetLife expired Jan. 31, 2017. Individuals enrolled in VADIP when the pilot contracts expired automatically received continued coverage for up to 12 months, not to exceed Jan. 31, 2018, depending on the terms of their Delta Dental or MetLife plan.



For more
information
about VADIP.

For more information, those individuals should contact their insurance provider. The telephone number for Delta Dental is 1-855-370-3303; the telephone number for MetLife is 1-888-310-1681. Once enrollments begin, qualified individuals can enroll at any time - there is no specific enrollment period.

Eligibility for VADIP

Veterans enrolled in the VA health care program and CHAMPVA beneficiaries are eligible to participate in VADIP. Participation in VADIP does not affect Veterans' eligibility for VA dental services and treatment.

Dependents of Veterans, except those eligible under CHAMPVA, are not eligible for VADIP; however, the insurance carriers may offer dependents separate coverage options.

Dental Plan Information

Coverage will be provided throughout the United States and its territories.

Multiple plan options allow participants to select a plan that provides benefits and premiums that meet their dental needs and budget. Offered plans vary and may include diagnostic, preventative, surgical, emergency and endodontic/restorative treatment. Each participant will pay a fixed monthly premium for coverage, in addition to any copayments required by his or her plan.

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