

**What is the Foreign Medical Program (FMP)?**

The FMP is a Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) health care benefits program for Veterans with service-connected disabilities that are traveling or residing outside of the United States.

FMP may furnish hospital care and medical services in foreign countries to those eligible Veterans if necessary for treatment of a service-connected disability or any disability associated with and held to be aggravating a service-connected disability.

Additionally, VA may authorize necessary foreign medical services for Veterans participating in the VA Vocational Rehabilitation Program (38 U.S.C. 31).

**How do I enroll in the FMP?**

To enroll in the FMP, the Veteran must complete a VA Form 10-7959f-1, *Foreign Medical Program (FMP) Registration Form*, and submit it to:

VHA Office of Community Care  
Foreign Medical Program office  
P.O. Box 469061  
Denver, CO 80246-9061

Eligible Veterans will receive an FMP authorization letter which identifies the VA service-connected disabilities or rehabilitation status for which treatment is authorized.

**What do I need to do to get a claim paid?**

The FMP has a detailed fact sheet on this subject (*Fact Sheet 04-20: FMP Information for Outpatient Providers and Office Managers*) which can be viewed on our website at <http://www.va.gov/purchasedcare/pubs/factsheets.asp#FMP>

In general, submit a copy of the bill from the provider and a VA Form 10-7959f-2, *Claim Cover Sheet – Foreign Medical Program (FMP)*, to the VHA Office of Community Care (VHA CC) at the address listed above.

*NOTE: By Federal law, the FMP cannot pay for prescription medication that is not FDA approved. The FMP does not maintain a list of FDA approved drugs. If you have any doubt about the medication your doctor prescribes, you should check the FDA website at <http://www.fda.gov>*

**Do Veterans have to work through the US Embassy or Consulate staff to use the FMP?**

No, while the Embassy and Consulate staff can be very helpful, claims for payment should be sent directly to VHA Office of Community Care (VHA CC).

**Do I need approvals for referrals to specialists or for diagnostic tests?**

The FMP office does not issue preauthorization for foreign medical services. A copy of the medical documentation of treatment should be submitted to the FMP office to determine if the care was related to the service-connected disability.

**What happens if I live overseas and the VA directs me to take a physical exam?**

As directed, you should obtain the physical examination. Submit a claim with a copy of VA Form 21-2507, *Request for Physical Examination*, for payment to VHA CC at the mailing address listed below.

**How do I get more information?**

- Mail: VHA Office of Community Care  
Foreign Medical Program  
PO Box 469061  
Denver, CO 80246-9061
- Phone: 303-331-7590, Monday-Friday  
8:05 a.m. to 6:45 p.m. Eastern Standard Time
- Email: Follow the directions for submitting email via IRIS at <https://iris.custhelp.com/app/ask>
- Website: VHA Office of Community Care at <http://www.va.gov/purchasedcare/>