2022 Survey of Veteran Enrollees' Health and Use of Health Care

Welcome to the **2022 Survey of Veteran Enrollees' Health and Use of Health Care**. This annual VA survey asks how Veterans use VA health services and what types of services they do or do not use. Even if you are not a current user of VA Health Care, your answers to the survey questions are important. This survey takes about 20 minutes to complete.

If you require assistance from another person to complete this survey, it is all right to ask another person to fill the survey out on your behalf as long as they are able to answer questions about your health care, health benefits, and health status.

Questions or concerns? Call the Survey of Enrollees Information Line at 1-888-848-7018 or send an e-mail to questions@VHASoE.org. Center staff are available seven days a week from 9:00 am to 9:00 pm Eastern Time.

Note: If you are a Veteran in crisis or concerned about a Veteran in crisis, please contact the Veterans Crisis Line at 1-800-273-8255 and Press 1, or text 838255, or chat online at VeteransCrisisLine.net.

Start Survey:

Please enter the unique PIN included in your letter: [xxxxxx]

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Section 1: Introduction

Your participation in this survey is voluntary, but we hope you will decide to participate. If you decide not to participate or not to answer some of the questions, it will not affect your VA benefits or any other benefits to which you may be entitled. VA will protect your identity and answers to the full extent allowed under the law. Also, no information you provide will be released to the general public in a way that can be traced back to you. If you are completing the survey for the Veteran who received the survey invitation, these rights and protections also apply.

- 1. Please indicate who is completing this survey. In other words, will you complete the survey yourself or will you ask someone to assist you?
 - I am the Veteran named in the invitation letter ({<NAME> <LNAME>}) and will be answering
 questions about myself.
 - O I am not the Veteran named in the invitation letter ({<NAME> <LNAME>}), but can answer questions about his or her benefits, and health status.

Section 2: Health Benefits

Yes

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2.

The following questions ask about available insurance and related health benefits.

and are known as "Employer Group Waiver Plans" (EGWP).

{Are you/Is <NAME>} covered by Medicare?

	O NO GO TO QUESTION 6
3.	There are two types of Medicare options. The first option is the Original Medicare Plan, with
	Part A and optional Part B. It is administered by the federal government, and you can choose
	any doctor or hospital that accepts Medicare. A second option is a Medicare Advantage Plan. It
	provides benefits through a private insurance company where your doctors and hospitals are in
	the plan's networks. Medicare Advantage Plans can be offered by employers to their retirees

{Do you/Does <NAME>} receive Medicare coverage through Medicare Advantage Plan as described above?

0	Yes	GO TO QUESTION 5
0	No	

4.	{Do you/Does <name>} purchase any private health care coverage to supplement Medicare—that is, to pay for services Medicare does <u>NOT</u> pay for? Types of private insurance a person can purchase to supplement Medicare include Medigap or Medicare supplement. It does not include Medicare Advantage or the Department of Defense TRICARE for Life Plan for Medicare Eligible Military Retirees.</name>
	YesNo
	O NO
5.	{Do you/Does <name>} have Medicare prescription drug coverage, "Part D"?</name>
	○ Yes
	O No
6.	{Are you/Is <name>} currently covered by Medicaid {(you may know it as <state medicaid="" name="" plan="">)} for any of your health care? Medicaid is a program that pays for Medical Assistance for certain individuals with low income and resources and is provided by your State government's social services department.</state></name>
	o Yes
	O No
7.	{Are you/Is <name>} currently covered by a TRICARE plan (including Tricare Prime, Tricare Select, and Tricare for Life)?</name>
	o Yes
	O No
8.	{Are you/Is <name>} currently covered by <u>any other</u> individual or group health plan that {your/<name>'s} current or former employer, {your/his or her} spouse's or domestic partner's employer, {your/his or her} union or someone else obtains for {you/<name>}? Please <u>do not</u> count Private Medigap, Medicare Supplement, or Medicare Advantage plans. Please <u>do</u> count any private retiree health insurance plan.</name></name></name>
	o Yes
	O NO GO TO QUESTION 9
8	Ba. Who provides this coverage? Select ALL that apply.
	☐ Current employer, including COBRA coverage
	☐ Former employer
	Coverage purchased on a Federal or State Exchange
	☐ Other individually purchased coverage

	☐ Coverage through a family member, such as a spouse, parent, etc.
	☐ Coverage purchased through a union
	☐ Some other source
Sec	tion 3: Health Care and Medication Use
9.	How many different <u>prescription</u> medications did {you/ <name>} use in the last 30 days? Include both VA and non-VA prescriptions. Your best guess is fine. <u>For none, enter 0</u>.</name>
	Prescriptions
10.	Of these <u>prescription</u> medications, how many did {you/ <name>} obtain from VA? Your best guess is fine. <u>For none</u>, enter 0.</name>
	Prescriptions
11.	Please complete the following statement: {I use/ <name>/uses} VA services to meet</name>
	 All of {my/his or her} health care needs.
	 Most of {my/his or her} health care needs.
	 Some of {my/his or her} health care needs.
	 None of {my/his or her} health care needs.
	 {I have/<name> has} no health care needs.</name>
12.	From October 2021 through December 2021, how many outpatient visits or trips did {you/ <name>} make to any non-VA doctor's office, hospital, or outpatient clinic that were NOT paid for by VA? Please do not count dental, mental health or substance abuse visits, or trips to the pharmacy. Your best guess is fine. For none, enter 0.</name>
	Visits or trips
13.	From October 2021 through December 2021, how many outpatient visits or trips did {you/ <name>} make that were paid for fully or partially by VA? This includes the number of times {you/<name>} went to a VA doctor, hospital, or clinic for medical care or received medical care somewhere else that was paid for by VA. Please do not count dental, mental health or substance abuse visits, or trips to a pharmacy. Your best guess is fine. For none, enter 0.</name></name>
	Visits or trips

14. Below is a list of possible ways {you/<NAME>} could use VA for {your/his or her>} health care in the future. Please read them all, and then choose the one that best describes the PRIMARY way {you plan/he or she plans} to use VA health care in the future. {I plan/<NAME> plans} to use VA...

Select only one.

- O As {my/his or her} primary source of health care.
- For a service-related disability or health condition, either mental or physical.
- O For care of a specific health condition such as hearing or vision loss, diabetes, cancer, etc.
- O For special medical devices such as hearing aids, prosthetics or orthotics.
- For prescriptions.
- As a "safety net" to use only if needed.
- Some other way.
- No plans to use VA for health care.

Section 4: Health Care Views

The following questions ask for {your/<NAME>'s} views about VA health care services and reasons {you choose your/<NAME> chooses his or her} health care providers.

15 .	{Have you/Has NAME} used ANY VA health care services at a VA facility on or after January 1,
	2021? Do NOT include care provided by Community Providers through the Choice or Mission
	Act.

0	Yes	
0	No	GO TO QUESTION 18

The next questions are about {your/<NAME>'s} recent use of VA health care at a VA facility.

16. In {your/<NAME>'s} experience with using VA services at a VA facility after January 1, 2021, about how often did the following happen?

		Always or nearly always		About half the time	Some of the time	Rarely or never
a.	Appointments were easy to get within a reasonable timeframe.	0	0	0	0	0
b.	Appointments were available at convenient hours/days for {you/ <name>}.</name>	0	0	0	0	0

c.	Appointments took place as scheduled					
	(not canceled by VA).	0	0	0	0	0
d.	Getting to the local VA facility was easy.	0	0	0	0	0
e.	Wait times were short after arriving for					
	an appointment.	0	0	0	0	0
f.	Getting around the facility was easy.	0	0	0	0	0
g.	Personnel were welcoming and helpful.	0	0	0	0	0

17. In {your/<NAME>'s} experience with using VA services at a VA facility after January 1, 2021, how satisfied {were you/was he or she} with . . .

		Very				Very
		satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	Dissatisfied	Dissatisfied
a.	The respect shown to {you/ <name>} by {your/his or</name>					
	her} health care professionals.	0	0	0	0	0
b.	How clearly {your/ <name>'s} health care providers explained {your/his or her} health</name>					
	problem(s).	0	О	0	0	0
C.	How clearly {your/ <name>'s} health care providers explained options and choices about care</name>					
d	with {you/him or her}.	0	0	0	0	0
d.	Opportunities for {you/ <name>} to participate in decisions about {your/his or her} care.</name>	0	0	0	0	0
e.	The way {your/ <name>'s} providers listened to {you/him or her}.</name>	0	0	0	0	0
f.	The manner in which {your/ <name>'s} providers accepted {you/him or her} for who {you are/he or she is}.</name>	0	0	0	0	0
σ	The way {your/ <name>'s} privacy</name>		Ü			Ü
g.	was respected.	0	0	0	0	0
h.	{Your/ <name>'s} ability to get referrals for specialist care or special equipment.</name>	0	0	0	0	0

18.	{Have you/Has <name>} used ANY VA health care services at a Community Provider that was paid for by VA on or after January 1, 2021?</name>									
	0	Yes								
	0	No	GO TO QUESTION 21							
		•	are about {your/ <name></name>	·'s} recer	nt use of	health car	e at a Con	nmunity Pr	ovider	
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	u.		able timeframe.		0	0	0	0	0	
The n paid f	b.	convenie	nents were available at int hours/days for		0	0	0	0	0	
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	d.	•	o the facility was easy.		0	0	0	0	0	
	e.		es were short after arrivi	ng for						
		an appoi	ntment.		0	0	0	0	0	
	f.	Getting a	round the facility was ea	sy.	Ο	0	0	0	0	
	g.	Personne	el were welcoming and he	elpful.	0	0	0	0	0	
paid fo	In your experience with using VA services at a Community Provider that was paid for by VA after January 1, 2021, how satisfied were you with:									
				Very satisfie		fied Ne	utral Diss	atisfied Di	Very ssatisfied	
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	b.	health ca {your/his	rly {your/ <name>'s} re providers explained or her} health</name>							
		problem	(s).	Ο	C)	0	0	0	

c.	How clearly {your/ <name>'s} health care providers explained options and choices about care with {you/him or her}.</name>	0	0	0	0	0
d.	Opportunities for {you/ <name>} to participate in decisions about {your/his or her} care.</name>	0	0	0	0	0
e.	The way {your/ <name>'s} providers listened to {you/him or her}.</name>	0	0	0	0	0
f.	The manner in which {your/ <name>'s} providers accepted {you/him or her} for who {you are/he or she is}.</name>	0	0	0	0	0
g.	The way {your/ <name>'s} privacy was respected.</name>	0	0	0	0	0
h.	{Your/ <name>'s} ability to get referrals for specialist care or special equipment.</name>	0	0	0	0	0

21. Did {you/<NAME>} use health care services other than those provided or paid for by VA after January 1, 2021?

- O Yes, for all of {my/his or her} health care
- O Yes, for some of {my/his or her} health care
- O No GO TO QUESTION 23

22. Please tell us the extent to which the following statements reflect the reason {you/<NAME>} used other health care services for some or all of {your/his or her} health care.

		To a great extent	Somewhat	Very Little	Not At All
a.	{You have/ <name> has} access to care in the community that is better quality</name>				
	than what VA provides.	0	0	0	0
b.	{You have/ <name> has} a provider outside of VA that {you really like and trust/he or she really likes and trusts}.</name>	0	0	0	0
c.	{You have/ <name> has} access to care in the community that is easier to get</name>			-	
	to than the VA.	0	0	0	0

d.	{You have/ <name> has} a provider that offers appointments at more convenient times than {you/he or she}</name>				
	can get at VA.	0	0	0	0
e.	{You prefer/ <name> prefers} using the same provider as {your/his or her} spouse and/or other family members.</name>	0	0	0	0
f.	{You/ <name>} had prior experiences with VA care that {you/he or she} were dissatisfied with.</name>	0	0	0	0
g.	{You/ <name>} had a condition requiring immediate attention and could not get an appointment at VA.</name>	0	0	0	0
h.	{You need/ <name> needs} information on which VA services {you are/he or she is} eligible to receive.</name>	0	0	0	0
i.	{You do/ <name> does} not believe {you are/he or she is} eligible to receive the services at VA.</name>	0	0	0	0

Section 5: Health Status and Tobacco/E-Cig Use

23.	Compared with other	people your age, wou	uld you say your health is
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- Excellent
- Very Good
- Good
- Fair
- Poor

VA, as well as other health care systems, has strived to provide assistance to those who wish to stop smoking. The next few questions ask about {your/<NAME>'s} cigarette smoking habits and any attempts {you/he or she} may have made to quit.

24. {Have you/Has <NAME>} smoked at least 100 cigarettes in {your/his or her} entire life?

- Yes
- O No GO TO QUESTION 31

25.	{Do you/Does NAME} now smoke cigarettes every day, some days, or not at all?
	O Every day
	 Some days
	O Not at all GO TO QUESTION 30
26.	During the past 12 months, {have you/has NAME} stopped smoking for more than one day because {you were/he or she was} trying to quit smoking?
	o Yes
	O NO GO TO QUESTION 28
27.	Did {you/ <name>} use either non-nicotine prescription medications or nicotine-replacement therapy during {your/his or her} most recent quit attempt? Note: Non-nicotine medications refer to bupropion (common brand names such as Zyban or Wellbutrin) or varenicline (common brand name Chantix).</name>
	YesNo
28.	What VA tobacco cessation resources {are you/is <name>} aware of? Select ALL that apply.</name>
	☐ Nicotine-replacement therapy (for instance, nicotine patch, gum, lozenge, inhaler, or nasal spray)
	 Non-nicotine prescription medications (for instance, bupropion such as Zyban/Wellbutrin or varenicline such as Chantix)
	☐ 1-855-QUIT-VET, the VA telephone Quitline service
	☐ SmokefreeVET, a VA text message smoking cessation program
	☐ Stay Quit Coach App
	$\hfill\Box$ Tobacco cessation counseling services, in both individual and group settings
29.	What VA tobacco cessation resources would {you/ <name>} be willing to use to quit? Select ALL that apply.</name>
	☐ Nicotine-replacement therapy (for instance, nicotine patch, gum, lozenge, inhaler, or nasal spray)
	☐ Non-nicotine prescription medications (for instance, bupropion such as Zyban/Wellbutrin or varenicline such as Chantix)
	☐ 1-855-QUIT-VET, the VA telephone Quitline service
	☐ SmokefreeVET, a VA text message smoking cessation program
	☐ Stay Quit Coach App

	\square Tobacco cessation counseling services, in both individual and group settings
30.	How long has it been since {you/ <name>} last smoked cigarettes regularly?</name>
	 Still smoke regularly (every day or some days)
	 Within the past month (less than 1 month ago)
	 Within the past 3 months (1 month, but less than 3 months ago)
	 Within the past 6 months (3 months, but less than 6 months ago)
	O Within the past year (6 months, but less than 1 year ago)
	O Within the past 5 years (1 year, but less than 5 years ago)
	 Within the past 10 years (5 years, but less than 10 years ago)
	O 10 years or more O Never are also directle also O 10 years or more
	 Never smoked regularly
31.	{Do you/Does <name>} currently use chewing tobacco, snuff, or snus every day, some days, or not at all?</name>
	O Every day
	O Some days
	O Not at all
32.	{Do you/Does <name>} currently use e-cigarettes or other electronic vaping products (including electronic hookahs, vape pens, or e-cigars) every day, some days, or not at all?</name>
	○ Every day
	O Some days
	O Not at all
Secti	on 6: Digital Access
access some of office. cell ph	care systems throughout the country are taking advantage of new technologies to provide easier to health care. In addition, medical technology is always improving and increasingly allows for conditions to be monitored or even diagnosed without having to travel to a traditional doctor's The next few questions ask you about {your/ <name>'s} use of desktop and laptop computers, ones, tablets, and other mobile devices. They also ask about {your/<name's>} interest in using echnologies for {your/his or her} own health care.</name's></name>
33.	{Do you/Does <name>} use the Internet, at least occasionally?</name>
	YesNoGO TO QUESTION 36

34.	W	here {do you/does <name>} go</name>	online to use the	e Internet?	Select ALL th	at apply.
		☐ Home				
	Г	□ Work				
		School				
	Г	Dublic library				
		Community center				
		Someone else's house				
		_		1 1		
	L	☐ Many places with my cell phon	e, tablet, or othe	er mobile d	evice	
	L	」 Some other place				
35.		ring a typical week, how often { ternet?	do you/does <n <name="" do="" {i=""> does} not have this device</n>	Every	to 6 1 to days day	3
	a.	Desktop or laptop computer	0	0	0 0	0
	b.	Cell phone	0	0	0 0	0
	c.	Tablet	0	0	0 0	0
	d.	Other mobile device	Ο	0	0 0	Ο
36.	(D	o you/Does <name>} send or re Yes No Does not apply (for example, do</name>				
37.	els	ink about any computer or mob sewhere that has access to the Ir lowing on at least one of those o	nternet. How wil	ling would	{you/he or s	he} be to do the
			Very	Somewhat	Not willing	This activity does not apply to
			willing	willing	at this time	{me/ <name>}</name>
	a.	Fill out health forms.	0	0	0	0
	b.	Refill a medication prescription	о.	0	0	0
	c.	Watch educational health video	os. O	0	0	0
	d.	Join an online support group to)			
		connect with others having similar health problems.	0	0	0	0

e.	Complete an online health				
	assessment to measure stress or				
	anxiety.	0	0	0	0
f.	Schedule medical appointments.	0	0	0	0
g.	Access {my/his or her} health				
	record.	0	0	0	0
h.	Access laboratory or X-ray test				
	results.	0	Ο	0	0
i.	Use an "app" to track {my/his or				
	her} health such as blood pressure				
	or weight.	0	0	0	0
j.	Sign up to get health related text				
	messages on {my/his or her}				
	mobile device, such as				
	appointment reminders.	0	0	0	0
k.	Communicate with {my/his or her}				
	health care providers using secure				
	email.	0	0	0	0

- 38. How willing {are you/is <NAME>} to schedule virtual consultations or appointments, at least occasionally, with {your/his or her} provider? Please select the response that best reflects {your/<NAME>'s} opinion.
 - {I prefer/<NAME> prefers} virtual consultations or appointments with {my/his or her} providers.
 - {I am/<NAME> is} willing to schedule virtual consultations or appointments with {my/his or her} providers, but {I prefer/he or she prefers} in-person appointments.
 - {I/<NAME>} would like to schedule virtual consultations or appointments with {my/his or her} providers, but {I do/he or she does} not have adequate computer or mobile device support.
 - {I do/<NAME> does} not wish to have virtual consultations or appointments with {my/his or her) providers.
 GO TO QUESTION 40
- 39. How willing {are you/is <NAME>} to do the following as part of a virtual consultation/appointment?

		Very willing	Somewhat willing	Not willing at this time	Not at all willing
a.	Share {my/his or her} health information (e.g. symptoms, photos of myself) with a VA health care provider who uses that information to make decisions about {my/his or her} health care.	0	0	0	0

	b.	Receive a medical opinion and follow directions from a VA health care provider who evaluated health information that {I/he or she} submitted using the computer or mobile device.	0	0	0	0
	c.	Share {my/his or her} health information (e.g. symptoms, photos of myself) with a computer that has been trained to evaluate that information to make decisions about {my/his or her} health care without any interaction from a health care				
	d.	provider. Receive a medical opinion and follow directions from a computer which evaluated health information that {I/he or she} submitted using the computer or mobile device without any interaction from a health care provider.	0	0	0	0
Secti	on	7: About You				
40.		I {you/ <name>} serve on <u>active duty</u> in the U.S. Arme mes? Select ALL that apply.</name>	d Forces (during the	followin	ig time
		September 2001 or later				
		August 1990 to August 2001				
		May 1975 to July 1990				
		☐ Vietnam era (August 1964 to April 1975)				
		February 1955 to July 1964				
		Korean War (July 1950 to January 1955)				
] January 1947 to June 1950				
		World War II (December 1941 to December 1946)				
		November 1941 or earlier				
41.		I {you/ <name>} ever serve in a combat or war zone? In zone usually receive combat zone tax exclusion, immi</name>			_	
	0	Yes No				

42.	Which of the following best describes {your/ <name>'s} current marital status?</name>
	 Currently married
	 Widowed
	 Divorced
	 Separated
	Never married
	 Living with a partner, unmarried
43.	Not including {yourself/ <name>}, how many dependents {do you/does he or she>} currently have? A "dependent" is anyone who relies on {you/<name>} for at least half of their financial support and can be a child, elderly parent or other family member. For none, enter 0.</name></name>
	Dependents
44.	How many of these dependents are under the age of 18 (0 to 17 years of age)? For none, enter 0.
	Dependents
45.	How would you best characterize {your/ <name's}> employment status?</name's}>
	Employed full-time (includes self-employment)
	 Employed part-time (includes self-employment)
	 Unemployed, looking for work, or laid off
	○ Retired
	 Not currently looking for work (for example, a student, homemaker, or on disability)
46.	Would you describe {yourself/ <name>} as Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino(a) (a person of Cuban, Mexican, Chicano(a), Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin regardless of race)?</name>
	○ Yes
	O No
47.	What is your race? Note: For the purposes of this survey, Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino(a) origins
	are not considered race.
	Select one or more of the following:
	☐ White
	☐ Black or African American
	☐ American Indian or Alaska Native

tl	hat best describes your <u>2021</u> total annual household income. Was it
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C	Ţ-0/000 Ţ-0/000
C	Ψ-0/000 Ψ-1/000
C	+ / - · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
C	\$35,000 – \$49,999 \$50,000 – \$74,999
-	Optional) Please use this space to clarify any of your answers or share any other comments hat you would like us to know. Your comments will remain confidential.
٧	lote: If you are a Veteran in crisis or concerned about a Veteran in crisis, please contact the eterans Crisis Line at 1-800-273-8255 and Press 1 or text 838255 or chat online at eteransCrisisLine.net
_	or assistance with VA benefits or health care, contact MyVA at 844-698-2311 or go online a

Thank you! You have finished answering the survey. Please press the "Submit Survey" button below to send your answers.

Return to Survey – button

Submit Survey - button

Final screen after respondents click the Submit Survey button:

Thank you for your participation! The information you have provided will help VA to better serve all Veterans in the future. For more information on Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) services, please go to the VA Web site at www.va.gov.

Your answers have been submitted. You may now close your browser.

Screen the respondents will see if they log on after submitting their survey:

Thank you! Your completed questionnaire has been received.