**How to Access CHAMPVA Benefits**

**What:** Access to CHAMPVA Benefits

**Service Officer Notes: NA**

**Web Sites:**

[**https://www.va.gov/COMMUNITYCARE/programs/dependents/champva/index.asp**](https://www.va.gov/COMMUNITYCARE/programs/dependents/champva/index.asp)

[**https://www.va.gov/COMMUNITYCARE/programs/dependents/champva/champva\_eligibility.asp**](https://www.va.gov/COMMUNITYCARE/programs/dependents/champva/champva_eligibility.asp)

[**https://www.va.gov/COMMUNITYCARE/programs/dependents/champva/champva\_apply.asp**](https://www.va.gov/COMMUNITYCARE/programs/dependents/champva/champva_apply.asp)

**Who Qualifies:**

To be eligible for CHAMPVA, you cannot be eligible for TRICARE, and you must be in one of these categories:

1. The spouse or child of a Veteran who has been rated permanently and totally disabled for a service-connected disability by a VA regional office.
2. The surviving spouse or child of a Veteran who died from a VA-rated service-connected disability.
3. The surviving spouse or child of a Veteran who was at the time death rated permanently and totally disabled from a service-connected disability.
4. The surviving spouse or child of a military member who died in the line of duty, not due to misconduct (in most of these cases, these family members are eligible for TRICARE, not CHAMPVA).

**Information:**

Program: The Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs (CHAMPVA) is a comprehensive health care program in which the VA shares the cost of covered health care services and supplies with eligible beneficiaries. The program is administered by the Veterans Health Administration Office of Community Care (VHA OCC) in Denver, Colorado.

In general, CHAMPVA covers most health care services and supplies that are medically and psychologically necessary. Upon confirmation of eligibility, you will receive a CHAMPVA Program Guide that specifically addresses covered and non-covered services and supplies. For a complete listing of non-covered services and supplies please consult the CHAMPVA Policy Manual.

CHAMPVA and Medicare: CHAMPVA is always the secondary payer to Medicare. If you are eligible for Medicare, at any age and for any reason, you must enroll in Medicare Part A and Medicare Part B to keep your CHAMPVA benefits. Social Security Administration documentation of enrollment in both Part A and Part B is required by CHAMPVA. You are not required to enroll in Medicare Part D in order to become or remain CHAMPVA eligible.

How to Apply: Go to the third Website listed above for application information.

**POCs:** NA