

- Are actively engaged in the vocational rehabilitation program,
- Have a dental condition determined by a VA clinical professional to be aggravating or complicating the management of a service-connected medical condition.

Hearing Aids and Eye Glasses

These services are available to some veterans who are in the VA healthcare system. You no longer have to get a consult from your VA primary care provider. You can call these clinics directly to make an appointment.

Travel Benefits

Veterans may qualify for travel payments if they fall into one of the following categories:

- Have a service-connected disability rating of 30% or more,
- Are traveling for treatment of a service-connected condition,
- Receive a VA pension,
- Are traveling for a scheduled compensation and pension exam,
- Do not have income that exceeds the maximum annual VA pension rate.

Veterans meeting the above conditions may also be provided special mode travel (wheelchair van, ambulance, etc.) based on a clinical determination of need. Authorization is not required for emergencies if a delay would endanger their life or health.

Mileage rates are 41.5 cents per mile. There is a deductible of \$3 one way and \$6 round trip. Deductible requirement is subject to a monthly cap of \$18.

Oneida County DAV Van

All veterans are eligible to utilize the DAV van, which runs Monday-Thursday. The van originates out of Rhinelander and goes the northern route (via Lake Tomahawk, Woodruff, Eagle River) on

Monday and Tuesday (only if a veteran from that area schedules a ride) and the eastern route (via Monico, Crandon, Laona) on Wednesday and Thursday. This service is free. Reservations must be made by 4:00 p.m. the Thursday prior to the week a veteran needs to ride but they should be scheduled as soon as a medical appointment is made. All drivers are volunteer and if a reservation is made with short notice, we cannot guarantee a driver will be available. For more information or to make a reservation, call the number below.

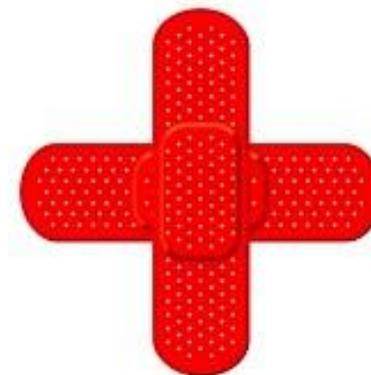
Phone Numbers

VA Clinic Rhinelander (715) 362-4080
 VAMC Iron Mountain (800) 215-8262
 If you do not know the extension you need, just press "0" for the operator.
 DAV Van reservations (715) 369-6227



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VA HEALTHCARE



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Basic Information

If you served in the active military and were separated under any condition other than dishonorable, you may qualify for VA healthcare benefits. Current and former members of the Reserves or National Guard who were called to active duty (other than active duty for training) by a federal order and completed the full period for which they were called or ordered to active duty may be eligible for VA healthcare as well. Most veterans who enlisted after September 7, 1980 or officers who entered active duty after October 16, 1981 must have served 24 continuous months or the full period for which they were called to active duty in order to be eligible. This minimum duty requirement may not apply to veterans who were discharged for a disability incurred or aggravated in the line of duty, for a hardship or early out.

VA healthcare is not medical insurance. It simply means you are in the VA healthcare system and can receive medical treatment from the VA Medical Center or clinic to which you are assigned. And it's only for the veteran, not family members. VA healthcare will not pay for routine treatment at a non-VA medical facility unless you were pre-approved to receive this treatment. This is called "VA Care in the Community." If you receive emergency, life-saving treatment at a non-VA medical facility, you can ask that facility to bill the VA but the VA does not guarantee they will pay for your medical care. Also, if the non-VA medical facility bills Medicare or another medical insurance company, the VA will pay no portion of the bill.

Pre-qualifying Factors

There are factors that will automatically qualify you for VA healthcare. They are:

- Purple Heart recipients,
- Former Prisoners of War,
- Have a compensable service-connected disability as determined by the VA,

- Served in a combat theater of operations after November 11, 1998,
- Was discharged from the military for a disability incurred in the line of duty,
- Served in Southwest Asia during the Gulf War between August 2, 1990 and November 11, 1998,
- Served in Vietnam between January 9, 1962 and May 7, 1975,
- Exposed to radiation while in the military,
- Served on active duty at least 30 cumulative days at Camp Lejeune from January 1, 1957 through December 31, 1987.

If a veteran has no pre-qualifying factors, the VA will determine eligibility based on *household* income from all sources from the previous calendar year to include wages, social security, pensions, interest, dividends and any other source of income. The current geographic income threshold (income limit) for Oneida County is:

Veteran only:	\$48,000
Veteran plus 1 dependent:	\$54,850
Veteran plus 2 dependents:	\$61,700
Veteran plus 3 dependents:	\$68,550
Veteran plus 4 dependents:	\$74,050

These amounts do vary from county-to-county and state-to-state. Your household income can be adjusted by previous calendar year household medical expenses to include, insurance premiums, Medicare, doctor and medication co-pays, dental, eye glasses, etc.

Application Process

The VA form 10-10EZ is the application for applying for VA healthcare. Your County Veterans Service Office can help you with the process; however, you must be able to provide all the information on the form such as other health insurance information, household income, and out-of-pocket medical expenses. Taking the information from your income tax return is the best way to ensure this information is accurate.

You do not have to provide this information but if you don't provide it and you do not have any pre-qualifying factors, you will not be accepted into the VA healthcare system. If you do have pre-qualifying factors, you may be charged co-pays if you do not provide income and asset information.

After your application is processed, you will be notified via mail of your enrollment status and priority group assignment. If you requested an appointment on your initial application, your preferred facility will schedule an appointment and notify you of the time and date.

Co-pays

If you are required to pay co-pays, they are as follows:

Primary Care Services	\$15
Specialty Care Services	\$50
Medication (per prescription for a 30-day supply)	
Tier 1 (preferred generics)	\$ 5
Tier 2 (non-preferred generics and some OTC)	\$ 8
Tier 3 (name brand)	\$ 11
Annual Copay Cap	\$700

Dental

These services are limited to veterans who:

- Have a scheduler VA service-connected disability rating of 100%,
- Are receiving 100% disability by reason of individual unemployability,
- Are a former Prisoner of War,
- Have a compensable (10% or greater) service-connected dental disability,
- Have a non-compensable dental condition or disability resulting from combat wounds or service trauma,