

“MY HEALTHEVET” MEDICAL INFORMATION AT YOUR FINGERTIPS

With the age of technology, the Department of Veterans Affairs wants to make things easier for our Nation's Veterans.

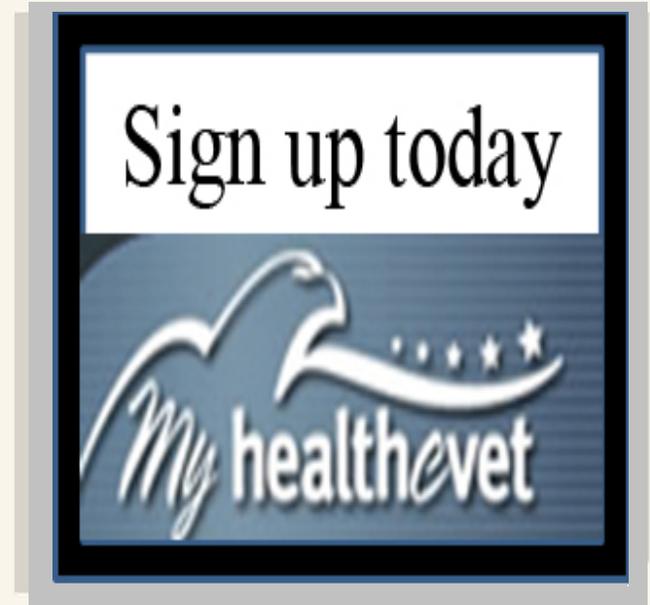
My HealtheVet is an online tool that gives Veterans access to their online personal health record. It is designed for Veterans, active duty, their dependents and their caregivers. This service also helps you partner with health care team.

There are three different types of accounts with My HealtheVet. With the Basic account you are able to view self entered information. If you are a VA patient, then you can upgrade to the Advanced or Premium account.

With the Advanced account, you can view some of your information from VA and/or DOD records.

The Premium Account offers the highest level of access to the My HealtheVet features. To get this type of account you need to go through the Authentication procedures. This will have to be done in person at a VA Medical Center. Once your account is registered you will be able to view your VA health records, to include the following:

- VA Admissions and Discharges (including discharge summaries)
- VA Allergies
- VA Appointments (future)
- VA Appointments (past 2 years)
- VA Demographics
- VA EKG's
- VA Immunizations



- VA Laboratory Results
- VA Notes
- VA Pathology Reports
- VA Problem lists
- VA Vitals and Readings
- VA Wellness Reminders
- VA Health Records
- VA Radiology

You may also have Secure Messaging to communicate online with your VA healthcare team. You can send messages to request or cancel VA appointments or simply to discuss your health issues.

For more information go to your local VA Medical Center and they can get you signed for this program.

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VA REMOVES ANNUAL INCOME REPORTING REQUIREMENT

The Department of Veterans Affairs is now eliminating the annual requirement for most Veterans enrolled in VA's health care system to report income information beginning in March 2014. Instead, VA will automatically match income information obtained from the Internal Revenue Services and the Social Security Administration.

By eliminating the requirement for the annual income reporting, referred to as the Means Test, this will make it easier for Veterans to obtain healthcare. This change will also reduce the burden on the Veteran by not having them fill out the annual Means Test.

Veterans applying for enrollment for the first time will still be required to submit income information for the previous calendar year. There will be no change in the VA's long standing policy to provide no cost care to indigent Veterans, Veterans with catastrophic medical conditions, Veterans with a Service Connected disability rating of 50 percent or higher, or for conditions that are officially rated as "service connected".

There will still be Priority Groups in which Veterans will be grouped in according to disability, service and income. Priority groups will help determine co pay status.





Catawba County Veteran Statistics

Reminder

- If you have ideas for a topic or something you would like to know more about to put in the newsletter please let me know. Email me at ctravis@catawbacountync.gov or call me 828-465-8255 and I will try and get it in the next newsletter.

- **11,782** Veterans in Catawba County
- **\$66,926,000** in Expenditures coming into Catawba County from VA Benefits to Veterans
- **\$33,543,000** in Service Connected Compensation and Non Service Connected Pension
- **\$3,118,000** in Education and Vocational Rehabilitation
- **\$29,748,000** in Medical Care going to Catawba County Veterans