

**Trinity County Veteran Service Office**

**Health Care Fact Sheet**

Health care is available to Veterans who meet certain active duty requirements. Eligibility and priority vary greatly, so contact your Veteran Services Office for help with applying for health care benefits.

**Eligibility**

You may be eligible if:

* You served at least one day on active duty prior to September 7, 1980 **or**
* You enlisted after September 7, 1980, or entered active duty after October 16, 1981. You must have served at least 24 months on active duty, or the full period for which you were ordered to federal active duty, or were discharged for a hardship or “early out” **or**
* You qualify for service-connected Disability Compensation **and**
* You were discharged under conditions other than dishonorable

**Priority Groups**

Veterans are assigned a Priority Group based on a variety of factors. Group assignment determines how quickly you can receive care, what types of care are available to you and whether you will have a copay. See the US Department of Veterans Affairs website for more information.

<https://www.va.gov/health-care/eligibility/priority-groups/>

**How to apply**

Contact your Veteran Services Office for help with applying for Health Care. Bring the following documents to your appointment:

* Discharge or separation papers (DD214, DD215, etc.)
* Dependency records (marriage license, divorce decree, children’s birth certificates)
* Income and financial records (contact the Veteran Services Office for more information on the types of records needed)
* Current health insurance information

If you do not have all of these documents, the Veteran Services Office may be able to help you obtain them.

**Related Benefits**

Those granted health care benefits may be eligible for additional federal and state benefits. Contact your Veteran Service Office for more information.

* Mental Health Services
* Community Care
* Aid and Attendance Benefits
* Housebound Allowance
* Life Insurance
* Burial Benefits and Memorial Items
* Military Exchange Privileges