

VA Payment for Emergency Care of your NonService-connected conditions without prior authorization

Note: The Rocky Mountain Veteran Authorization Containment Center must be notified within 72 hours of going to a Non VA Emergency Room. This is not pre-authorization. The phone number is 888-795-0773 and then select option 1.

VA may pay for emergency care provided in a non-VA facility for treatment of a Nonservice-connected condition only if *all* of the following conditions are met:

If you are:

Service-connected, not Permanently and Totally Disabled, or Nonservice-connected

Then:

VA may pay for your non-VA emergency care for treatment of a Nonservice-connected condition if all of the following conditions are met:

- The episode of care cannot be paid under another VA authority, and
- Based on an average knowledge of health and medicine (prudent layperson standard) you reasonably expected that delay in seeking immediate medical attention would have been hazardous to your life or health, and
- A VA or other Federal facility/provider was not feasibly available, and
- You received VA medical care within a 24-month period preceding the non-VA emergency care, and
- You are financially liable to the health care provider for the emergency care, and
- The services were furnished by an Emergency Department or similar facility held out to provide emergency care to the general public, and
- You have no other coverage under a health plan (including Medicare, Medicaid and Worker's Compensation), and
- You have no contractual or legal recourse against a third party that would, in whole, extinguish your liability