Learn About **VA Blue Button** Features

VA Blue Button Enhancements: Engaging Veterans by Improving Access to Information

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) works to continually enhance and update VA Blue Button features to provide additional data to Veterans, empowering them to become active partners in their health care.

VA Blue Button and My Health*e*Vet

VA Blue Button enables Veterans to generate and download an electronic file that contains their available personal health information from My Health*e*Vet, which is VA's electronic personal health record (PHR) for Veterans. VA has significantly expanded the types of information that are available to Veterans who have an upgraded Premium My Health*e*Vet account.*

Get a My HealtheVet Premium Account

If you are a Veteran and use the VA Health Care System, you can upgrade to a My Health**e**Vet Premium Account. This type of account lets you use all features of My Health*e*Vet.

To upgrade to a Premium account, follow these two steps:

Step 1 Register for My Health*e*Vet (**www.myhealth.va.gov**)

Step 2 Get authenticated (in person or online)

Learn About VA OpenNotes and VA CCD – new tools in VA health care.

VA OpenNotes, a new feature on VA Blue Button, 'opens' clinical notes, allowing patients to read their health care team's notes from appointments and hospital stays. This initiative provides Veterans with the ability to read and discuss notes with their health care teams, family and Caregivers, allowing them to gain greater control over their health care. To learn more about the OpenNotes initiative visit: **www.myopennotes.org**.

The new VA Continuity of Care Document (VA CCD) feature contains essential health and medical care information in a *.XML* file format that uses recognized standards of interoperability. The VA CCD supports the exchange of information between health care providers for the effective continued care of a patient. A PDF file is also available.

Blue Button **Download My Data**

Learn About VA Blue Button Features, VA OpenNotes and VA CCD

VA offers several features for VA Blue Button. These features allow Veterans to access more information for greater control of their health care including:

- **VA Allergies*** – Recorded allergies and adverse reactions; Available immediately
- **VA Admissions and Discharges*** – Admissions and discharges including comprehensive discharge summaries; Available three days after Discharge Summary is completed
- **VA Appointments*** – Two years past and all future VA appointment details; Available immediately
- **VA Demographics*** – Demographic information from VA Treating Facilities in the last three years; Available immediately
- **VA Electrocardiogram (EKG) Reports*** – A list of EKG studies performed at VA Treating Facilities; Available immediately
- **VA Immunizations*** – History of recorded immunizations along with any reactions; Available immediately

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Get the most out of My Healthe**Vet. Take the next step and upgrade to a Premium account. With a Premium account, you can access all that My Health**e**Vet has to offer and will be the first to have access to new features.*

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- **VA Laboratory Results*** – Results of Chemistry, Hematology, and Microbiology lab tests; Available 3 days after results are verified
- **VA Notes*** – All completed Progress Notes from January 1, 2013 forward; Available 3 days after Note is completed
- **VA Pathology Reports*** – Surgical Pathology, Cytology, and Electron Microscopy study results; Available 14 days after report is completed
- **VA Problem List*** – List of active health issues and conditions; Available 3 days after entry
- **VA Radiology Reports*** – Results of Radiology and other imaging studies; Available 3 days after report is verified
- **VA Vitals and Readings*** – Blood pressure, pulse, body temperature, weight, etc.; Available immediately
- **VA Wellness Reminders*** – Patient friendly clinical reminders for preventive services; Available immediately
- **Military Service Information*** – Historical record of military service including position and rank codes; Available immediately
- **VA Medication History** – History of VA medication refills; Available immediately
- **Activity Journal** – Self-reported daily exercise and activity log; Available immediately
- **Allergies** – Self-reported history of allergies including severity, reaction, diagnosis, and comments; Available immediately
- **Demographics** – Self-reported personal information entered during account registration or profile updates, emergency contacts; Available immediately
- **Family Health History** – Self-reported family member's health history and events that may affect health; Available immediately
- **Food Journal** – Self-reported daily food intake to monitor diet or control weight; Available immediately
- **Health Care Providers** – Self-reported information pertaining to Caregivers and health care providers; Available immediately
- **Health Insurance** – Self-reported information about health insurance coverage and policies; Available immediately
- **Immunizations** – Self-reported immunization date, method used, and any reactions; Available immediately
- **Labs and Tests** – Self-reported information about lab tests performed and test results; Available immediately
- **Medical Events** – Self-reported history of illnesses, accidents, or other events; Available immediately
- **Military Health History** – Self-reported military health history, potential exposures, and treatments; Available immediately
- **My Goals (Current Goals and Completed Goals)** – Self-report and set individualized, personally relevant recovery goals and track progress toward achieving these goals; Available immediately
- **Treatment Facilities** – Self-reported medical treatment facilities and locations; Available immediately
- **Vitals and Readings** – Self-reported common health measures (e.g., blood pressure, blood sugar, pain, etc.); Available immediately

**Requires a My HealtheVet Premium account*

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My HealtheVet Help Desk Toll Free Telephone Number: 1-877-327-0022
(Monday through Friday, 6:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. CST)

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