



Veteran Health Identification Card

In 2014, VA began issuing enrolled Veterans a newly redesigned Veteran Health Identification Card (VHIC) that totally eliminates the use of a Veteran's SSN. Similar to a typical health insurance card, the VHIC displays the Veteran's Member ID and a Plan ID that reflects the Veteran's enrollment in VA health care.

The VHIC not only eliminates use of a Veteran's SSN, but also provides improved features, such as displaying the enrolled Veteran's branch of service; embossing the letters "va" in Braille for easier identification of vision-impaired Veterans and integration of DOD's Electronic Interchange Personal Identifier (EDIPI) as an enrolled Veteran's Member ID.



Enrolled Veterans may obtain a no-cost VHIC by going to their local VA medical facility's VHIC processing office and presenting required identification information noted below. The VHIC is then mailed, usually within 7 days.

Primary Identification	Secondary Identification
Present ONE form of Primary Identification	Present ONE form of Secondary Identification
State-issued Driver's license	Social Security Card
U.S. Passport or U.S. Passport Card (unexpired)	Original or certified Birth Certificate
Foreign passport with Form I-94 or Form I-94A (unexpired)	Certification of Birth Abroad Issued by the Department of State (Form FS-545)
U.S. Military card	Certification of Report of Birth issued by the Department of State (Form DS-1350)
Military dependent's ID card	Voter's Registration Card
U.S. Coast Guard Merchant Mariner Card	Native American Tribal Document
Foreign passport that contains a temporary I-551 stamp	U.S. Citizen ID Card (Form I-197)
Permanent Resident Card or Alien Registration Receipt Card (Form I- 551)	Identification Card for Use of Resident Citizen in the United States (Form I-179)
Federal, state, or local government issued ID card with a photograph	Employment Authorization document issued by the Department of Homeland Security
Employment Authorization Document that contains a photograph (Form I- 766)	Canadian Driver's License

For more information on the VHIC, visit www.va.gov/healthbenefits/vhic or call 1 877-222-8387.