



Outpatient Dental Treatment

Outpatient dental benefits are provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs according to law. In some instances, VA may provide extensive dental care, while in other cases treatment may be limited. This Fact Sheet describes the outpatient dental eligibility criteria and contains information veterans should know in order to understand eligibility for VA dental care here at the St. Louis VAMC.

Who Is Eligible?

Effective January 28, 2008, recently discharged veterans with a service-connected non-compensable dental condition or disability who served on active duty 90 days or more and who apply for VA dental care **within 180 days** of separation from active duty, may receive one time treatment for dental conditions if the dental condition is shown to have existed at the time of discharge or release and the veteran's certificate of discharge does not indicate that the veteran received necessary dental care within a 90-day period prior to discharge or release.

How to Receive your VA Dental Benefits.

1. Review your DD214 for box 17. If this box is checked **NO** then proceed to number 2. If this box is checked **Yes** then you're **not eligible** for VA Dental Care. Please bring a readable copy of your DD214 to your first dental appointment with us.
2. You will need to schedule an appointment with our dentist to do a preliminary examination. Please call **314-289-7675** to schedule your appointment. This could take 7-10 days.
3. Once you have seen us then you can schedule your appointment with your private dentist.
4. Once your appointment has been completed, have the Dentist fax the treatment plan to the attention of **Dr. High at 314-289-7617** for approval.
5. You will be notified with the authorization number to give to your dentist along with the address to send the bill too.
6. You will then be called with a second authorization number to have the treatment plan completed. There is a maximum of \$5000.00 allowed by congress. No cosmetic, implants, or braces allowed.
7. Any work over \$5000.00 work must be done at the VA, no exception.

Where does my Dentist Mail the Bill to:

**Veterans Administration
#1 Jefferson Barracks Drive
Attention Fee Basis (04/FJB)
St. Louis, MO. 63125**

In order for the Dentist to be paid the authorization number must be placed on the bill with the patients name, ADA procedure codes and the dentist fees.

Questions

If you have any questions then contact the St. Louis VAMC Dental office at **314-289-7675**.