

Information for Veterans

The Michigan Dental Association does not have programs designed specifically for veterans. Following is a gathering of information from many sources which may be able to provide you with some direction in obtaining the dental care you need.

Qualifying for VA Paid Care:

You need to contact your local VA to see if you qualify for services. They will be able to tell you whether you can receive your dental treatment at a VA clinic or whether you can obtain treatment at a local dental office and submit to the VA for payment for your care. You must contact them to receive approval **before** obtaining dental care.

Veterans are eligible for outpatient care if they are determined by the VA to meet one of the following criteria:

- Those having a service-connected disability
- Prisoners of war
- Those with service connected disabilities rated at 100% or those rated at 100% by reason of Individual Unemployability (including temporary 100% ratings)
- Those who participate in VA rehabilitation programs are eligible for care needed to complete their programs
- Recently discharged veterans with a service connected non-compensable dental condition or disability (length of service requirements apply)
- Those having service-connected non-compensable dental condition related to a combat injury are eligible for care of the service connected condition
- Those whose dental condition has aggravated another service connected medical condition
- Other medically necessary dental treatments due to aggravation or complication of VA sanction treatments

Special cases may qualify in addition to the above requirements – contact your local VA office for more information.

If you do not believe you are eligible for dental treatment through the VA, please visit our community programs directory for a list of programs in your area that offer services to anyone who is low income and without dental insurance. We hope you find this information helpful.