

Veteran Benefits

Note: The following applies to Tufts Medicare Preferred HMO and Tufts Health Plan Senior Care Options (SCO) members.

Program	Program Information	Eligibility
Aid and Attendance Benefit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paid in addition to other VA pension benefits • Assists with paying for care in the home, in an assisted living facility or in a nursing home • A&A Special Pension is not dependent upon service-related injuries • To apply, contact the VA or complete application on VA's website • Veterans Administration encourages veterans and family members to work with the experts at Veterans-Express.com (their help is FREE) to complete application • Most wartime veterans who satisfy the eligibility requirements will receive (benefit amounts adjusted yearly – confirm amounts with VA): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – \$1544 per month for wartime veteran; or – \$998 per month for a surviving spouse; or – \$1842 per month for a qualifying couple 	<p>To qualify:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires the regular assistance of another person to perform everyday functions and activities that people usually do without help (bathing, toileting, dressing, etc.) OR • Be bedridden or need help to adjust to special prosthetic or orthopedic devices OR • Have a physical or mental injury or illness that requires regular assistance to protect them from hazards or dangers in their daily living environment <p>Veterans who entered active duty before September 8, 1980 (October 16, 1981 for officers):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must have served at least 90 days of active military service, ONE day of which was during a period of war, and • Must NOT have been dishonorably discharged <p>Veterans who entered active duty on or after September 8, 1980 (October 16, 1981 for officers):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must have served at least 24 continuous months of active military service (or the period of which they were ordered to active duty is less than 24 months, ONE day of which was during a period of war, AND • Must NOT have been dishonorably discharged
Inpatient Respite	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides caregivers of veterans with short-term respite services • Respite Care Program designed to enable the caregiver to continue in the caregiving capacity and permits the veteran to continue to live at home. • Respite care services may include: short stay in a VA nursing home or hospital; short stay in a community nursing home; in-home services (personal care aide or 	<p>Contact local VA social worker for this information</p>

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	adult day health) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respite care is planned in advance • Limited to a total of 30 days per year • Respite services coordinated through a social worker at local VA facility 	
Home Improvements and Structural Alterations for Disability Access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VA provides up to \$4100 for service-connected veterans and up to \$1200 for nonservice connected veterans to make home improvements necessary for the continuation of treatment or for disability access to the home and essential lavatory/sanitary facilities 	For more information, contact the prosthetic representative at the nearest VA health care facility.

Veteran Facilities in Massachusetts:

Facility Name	Address	Services Provided (If Services Are Limited)
Brocton Division	940 Belmont St. Brockton, MA 02301 508.583.4500	
Jamaica Plain Division	150 South Huntington Ave. Boston, MA 02130 617.232.9500	
West Roxbury Division	1400 VFW Parkway West Roxbury, MA 02132 617.323.7700	
Causeway Street (Boston) Community Based Outpatient Clinic	251 Causeway St. Boston, MA 02114 617.248.1000	Primary care, mental health, optometry, lab blood drawing, pharmacy, podiatry, neurology, and palliative care
Dorchester Community Based Outpatient Clinic	895 Blue Hill Ave. Dorchester, MA 02124 617.822.7146	Primary care and mental health
Framingham Community Based Outpatient Clinic	61 Lincoln St., Suite 112 Framingham, MA 01702 508.628.0205	Primary care, mental health, lab blood drawing
Lowell Community Based Outpatient Clinic	130 Marshall Rd. Lowell, MA 01852 978.671.9000	Mental health, diabetes education program, primary care, optometry, neurology, podiatry, lab blood drawing, physical therapy, radiology, nutrition counseling, pharmacy
Quincy Community Based Outpatient Clinic	114 Whitwell St., 2nd Floor Quincy, MA 02169 617.376.2010	Primary care, lab blood drawing

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Worcester Community Based Outpatient Clinic	605 Lincoln St. Worcester, MA 01605 508.856.0104	Primary care, optometry, cardiology, mental health, neurology, podiatry, dermatology, rheumatology, geriatrics, test, physical therapy, radiology, rehabilitation medicine, preventive services/health, EKGs, pharmacy
Edith Nourse Rogers Memorial Veterans Hospital	200 Springs Rd. Bedford, MA 01730 781.275.7500	Long-term care facility specializing in geriatric and psychiatric care. Comprehensive health services include mental health, medicine, psychiatry, physical medicine, dentistry, geriatrics, and ambulatory care
Fitchburg Community Based Outpatient Clinic Burbank Hospital	275 Nichols Rd. Fitchburg, MA 01420 781.275.7500	Primary care, mental health, lab blood drawing
Gloucester Community Based Outpatient Clinic Addison Gilbert Hospital	298 Washington St. Gloucester, MA 01930 1.800.VET.MED1	Primary care, mental health (781.687.2363) Urgent care (after hours call 781.275.7500) Prescription information (1.800.838.6331)
Haverhill Community Based Outreach Clinic	108 Merrimack St. Haverhill, MA 01830 1.800.VET.MED1	Primary care, mental health, lab blood drawing, prescriptions (1.800.838.6331)
Lynn Community Based Outreach Clinic	225 Boston St., Suite 107 Lynn, MA 01904 1.800.VET.MED1	Primary care, mental health, lab blood drawing
Northampton VA Medical Center	421 North Main St. Leeds, MA 01053-9764 413.584.4040	Primary and secondary care, psychiatric services, substance abuse services, PTSD services, nursing home and transitional residence
Greenfield VA Medical Center	143 Munson St. Greenfield, MA 01301 413.773.8428	Medical services, mental health
Pittsfield VA Outpatient Clinic	73 Eagle St. Pittsfield, MA 01201 413.499.2672	Medical services, mental health
Springfield VA Outpatient Clinic	25 Bond St. Springfield, MA 01104 413.731.6000	Medical services, mental health