



**Department of Veterans Affairs**

Dear Veteran:

Please be informed that effective July 1, 2010, the Department of Veterans Affairs charge for a 30-day or less supply of medication provided on an outpatient basis for treatment of a non-serviced connected condition will increase from \$8 to \$9 for Veterans who generally have higher incomes and no service connected disabilities – referred to as Priority Groups 7 and 8. As a result, the charge for a 60-day supply of medication will be \$18 and for a 90-day supply will be \$27.

Veterans in Priority Groups 2 through 6 will not be impacted by this change and will continue to pay \$8 for each 30-day or less supply of medication provided for a non-service connected condition unless otherwise exempted. Priority Group 2-6 Veterans will also continue to have a cap on the amount they can be charged in a calendar year of \$960.

Veterans who have an injury or illness connected with their military service resulting in a disability rated 50 percent or greater – enrolled in Priority Group 1 - are exempt from this copay.

VA generally sets its outpatient medication copay rate based upon a regulation which ties the rate to the Medical Consumer Price Index for prescription drugs.

We understand that this change may result in a financial hardship for certain Veterans and encourage Veterans to contact us at 1-877-222 VETS (8387) or your local VA health care facility. For benefit questions concerning copays or other programs please contact us at the above number or visit our health eligibility Web site at [www.va.gov/healtheligibility](http://www.va.gov/healtheligibility).

We appreciate you choosing VA as your health care provider and look forward to continuing to serve you in the future.

Sincerely yours,

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