



2004 Travel Benefits

Benefit Description: If you meet the below criteria, you may be eligible for VA travel benefits associated with obtaining VA health care services. In most cases, travel benefits are subject to a deductible. Exceptions to the deductible requirement are: 1) travel for a compensation and pension examination; and 2) travel by an ambulance or a specially equipped van.

You Qualify If:

- you have a service-connected rating of 30 percent or more
- you are traveling for treatment of a service-connected condition
- you receive a VA pension
- you are traveling for a scheduled compensation or pension examination
- your income does not exceed the maximum annual VA pension rate
- your medical condition requires an ambulance or a specially equipped van, you are unable to defray the cost, and the travel is pre-authorized (authorization is not required for emergencies if a delay would be hazardous to life or health)

Mileage Rate:

General Patient Travel*\$.11 per mile

*Scheduled appointments qualify for round-trip mileage—unscheduled visits are limited to return mileage only.

VA Directed Travel*\$.17 per mile

*Authorized travel associated with VA's request for a re-examination of a veteran following an initial Compensation and Pension examination.

Deductible: \$3 for each one-way trip (\$6 for each round trip)*

*Subject to a monthly deductible cap of \$18. Upon reaching \$18 in deductibles, travel payments made for the balance of that particular month will be free of deductible charges.