




Treatment Eligibility at a Glance

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2.1 ELIGIBILITY FOR MEDICAL SERVICES

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<p>Acupuncture performed by a medical practitioner in accordance with arrangements in the MBS (see section 7.4).</p>	<p>YES</p>	<p>YES – for accepted disabilities.</p>	<p>NO</p>
<p>Diagnostic imaging services provided in accordance with arrangements in the MBS.</p>	<p>YES</p>	<p>YES – for accepted disabilities.</p>	<p>NO</p>
<p>Elective surgery in public hospitals, day surgery facilities, former Repatriation Hospitals and Veteran Partnering private hospitals (see section 13).</p>	<p>YES</p>	<p>YES – for accepted disabilities.</p>	<p>NO</p>
<p>Elective surgery in non-Veteran Partnering private hospitals and private day surgery facilities (see section 13).</p>	<p>YES – Obtain financial authorisation before commencing treatment.</p>	<p>YES – for accepted disabilities. Obtain financial authorisation before commencing treatment.</p>	<p>NO</p>
<p>Health screening as defined in the MBS.</p>	<p>NO</p>	<p>NO</p>	<p>NO</p>
<p>Infertility treatment for the partner of an eligible veteran.</p>	<p>NO</p>	<p>NO</p>	<p>NO</p>
<p>In-vitro</p>	<p>NO</p>	<p>NO</p>	<p>NO</p>

fertilisation procedures			
Medical consultations and procedures listed in the MBS (some restrictions apply).	YES	YES – for accepted disabilities.	NO
Medical consultations and procedures not listed in the MBS (see section 4.4).	In exceptional circumstances – specific criteria exist, and prior financial authorisation must be obtained.	In exceptional circumstances – specific criteria exist, and prior financial authorisation must be obtained.	NO
Minor surgical procedures carried out in your rooms, provided facility fees or general anaesthetic fees are not charged.	YES	YES – for accepted disabilities.	NO
Orthomolecular medicine	NO	NO	NO
Pathology services provided in accordance with arrangements in the MBS (see section 11.7).	YES	YES – for accepted disabilities.	NO
Psychotherapy from private psychologists (see section 11.4).	YES – Obtain financial authorisation before commencing treatment.	YES – for accepted disabilities. Obtain financial authorisation before commencing treatment	NO
Medication reviews undertaken by LMOs or pharmacists (see section 9).	YES	YES - when the need for a medication review relates to an accepted disability.	NO

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2.2 ELIGIBILITY FOR PHARMACEUTICALS




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<i>card.</i>			
Wound dressings	YES – under the RPBS or RAP arrangements.	YES – under the RPBS For accepted disabilities.	YES – under the RPBS
Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) Schedule – items listed in the PBS schedule (see section 8).	YES – to be prescribed under the RPBS.	YES – (a) for accepted disabilities under the RPBS at concession rates and (b) for non-accepted disabilities under the PBS at non-concession rates (unless a Pension Concession Card (PCC) applies).	YES – (a) for accepted disabilities under the RPBS at concession rates and (b) for non-accepted disabilities under the PBS at non-concession rates (unless a Pension Concession Card (PCC) applies).
Repatriation Schedule of Pharmaceutical Benefits – items listed in the RPBS schedule (see section 8).	YES	YES – for accepted disabilities.	YES
Authority prescriptions – Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) Schedule (see section 8).	YES – to be prescribed under the RPBS. Obtain prior approval from DVA.	YES – (a) for accepted disabilities under the RPBS – obtain prior approval from DVA and (b) for non-accepted disabilities under the PBS – obtain prior approval from the HIC, using patient's Medicare number (DVA number not applicable).	YES
Authority prescriptions – Repatriation Schedule of Pharmaceutical Benefits (see section 8).	YES – obtain prior approval from DVA.	YES – for accepted disabilities. Obtain prior approval from DVA.	YES
Increased quantity and/or increased number of repeats for the PBS schedule and the Repatriation Schedule of	YES – to be prescribed under the RPBS. Obtain prior approval from DVA.	YES – (a) for accepted disabilities under the RPBS – obtain prior approval from DVA and (b) for non-accepted disabilities under the PBS – obtain prior approval from the HIC,	YES




Pharmaceutical Benefits (see section 8).		using patient's Medicare number (DVA number not applicable).	
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2.3 ELIGIBILITY FOR REFERRAL TO MEDICAL SPECIALISTS

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Referral to a medical specialist who accepts up to 100 per cent of the MBS fee as full payment, and who will not levy any additional fee on the veteran (see section 11.1).	YES	YES – for accepted disabilities.	NO




2.4 ELIGIBILITY FOR REPORTS, PLANS AND CASE MANAGEMENT

<i>The Orange Card is for pharmaceuticals only. There are no other entitlements (medical or treatment) associated with this card.</i>			
Care plans in accordance with arrangements in the MBS (see section 7.4).	YES	YES – when the primary need for a care plan relates to an accepted disability.	NO
Case conferences in accordance with arrangements in the MBS (see section 7.4).	YES	YES – when the primary need for a case conference relates to an accepted disability.	NO
Health assessments in accordance with	YES	YES – when the primary need for a health	NO

arrangements in the MBS (see section 7.4).		assessment relates to an accepted disability.	
Medication reviews undertaken by LMOs or pharmacists (see section 9).	YES	YES – when the need for a medication review relates to an accepted disability.	NO

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2.5 ELIGIBILITY FOR ALLIED HEALTH SERVICES



<i>The Orange Card is for pharmaceuticals only. There are no other entitlements (medical or treatment) associated with this card.</i>			
Chiropractic / osteopathy – for musculo-skeletal conditions only (see section 12.3).	YES	YES – for accepted disabilities.	NO
Community nursing (see section 12.1).	YES	YES – for accepted disabilities.	NO
Dietetics from private providers (only when public-funded or community services are not available – see section 12).	YES – Obtain financial authorisation prior to referral.	YES – for accepted disabilities. Obtain financial authorisation prior to referral.	NO
Hypnotherapy from private providers (may only be provided by a psychologist who is a full member of the Australian Society of Hypnosis or the State equivalent – see section 12).	YES – Obtain financial authorisation prior to referral.	YES – for accepted disabilities. Obtain financial authorisation prior to referral.	NO
Medical grade footwear (may only be provided by	YES – Obtain financial authorisation prior to referral.	YES – for accepted disabilities. Obtain financial authorisation	NO

contracted suppliers who are accessible through approved footwear prescribers – see section 12.2).		prior to referral.	
Natural therapies from herbalists, homoeopaths, iridologists, naturopaths, masseurs and acupuncturists.	NO	NO	NO
Occupational therapy (see section 12).	YES	YES – for accepted disabilities.	NO
Optometrical consultations according to arrangements in the MBS and optical dispensing from providers who participate in DVA's Optical Supplies Program (see section 12.4).	YES	YES – for accepted disabilities.	NO
Orthotics from private providers (only when public-funded or community services are not available – see section 12).	YES – Obtain financial authorisation prior to referral.	YES – for accepted disabilities. Obtain financial authorisation prior to referral.	NO
Physiotherapy from private providers (see section 12).	YES	YES – for accepted disabilities.	NO
Podiatry (see section 12).	YES	YES – for accepted disabilities.	NO
Psychology from private providers (only when public funded or community services are not available – see section 11.5).	YES – Obtain financial authorisation prior to referral.	YES – for accepted disabilities. Obtain financial authorisation prior to referral.	NO
Social work from private providers (only when public	YES – Obtain financial authorisation prior to referral.	YES – for accepted disabilities. Obtain financial authorisation	NO

funded or community services are not available (see section 12).		prior to referral.	
Speech pathology (see section 12).	YES	YES – for accepted disabilities.	NO

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2.6 ELIGIBILITY FOR COUNSELLING




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VVCS - Veterans and Veterans Families Counselling Service (see section 17)	YES	YES	NO : N/A

2.7 ELIGIBILITY FOR DENTAL TREATMENT

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Dental treatment (some funding limits apply and prior financial authorisation is required for some treatment) (see section 12.6)	YES	YES – for accepted disabilities	NO




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2.8 ELIGIBILITY FOR HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS




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<p>Tier 1 Facilities Public hospitals/day procedure centres, former Repatriation Hospitals and Veteran Partnering private hospitals (admit as private patient in shared accommodation, see section 13).</p>	<p>YES</p>	<p>YES – for accepted disabilities when eligibility has been predetermined by the LMO.</p>	<p>NO</p>
<p>Tier 2 Facilities Non-Veteran Partnering contracted private hospitals and day procedure centres (see section 13).</p>	<p>YES – only when a Tier 1 facility is not available in a reasonable time and when prior financial authorisation has been obtained.</p>	<p>YES – for accepted disabilities (when eligibility has been predetermined by the LMO) and only when a Tier 1 facility is not available in a reasonable time and when prior financial authorisation has been obtained.</p>	<p>NO</p>
<p>Tier 3 Facilities Non-contracted private hospitals and day procedure centres (see section 13).</p>	<p>YES – only when a Tier 1 or Tier 2 facility is not available in a reasonable time and when prior financial authorisation has been obtained.</p>	<p>YES – for accepted disabilities (when eligibility has been predetermined by the LMO) and only when a Tier 1 or Tier 2 facility is not available in a reasonable time and when prior financial authorisation has been obtained.</p>	<p>NO</p>

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2.9 ELIGIBILITY FOR REHABILITATION AIDS AND APPLIANCES

<p><i>The Orange Card is for pharmaceuticals only. There are no other entitlements (medical or treatment) associated with this card.</i></p>			
<p>Rehabilitation aids and appliances, based on clinical need, including surgical aids and domiciliary oxygen, under DVA's Rehabilitation Appliances Program (see section 15).</p>	<p>YES – Restrictions apply to some items. Some items require prior financial authorisation – please check with the DVA State Office.</p>	<p>YES – for accepted disabilities. Restrictions apply to some items. Some items require prior financial authorisation – please check with the DVA State Office.</p>	<p>NO</p>
<p>Aids and appliances provided through the Home Front program, such as grab rails (see section 19.5).</p>	<p>YES – Items provided based on recommendation of a home assessor following home assessment. No DVA prior financial authorisation required.</p>	<p>YES – for accepted disabilities. Items provided based on recommendation of a home assessor following home assessment. No DVA prior financial authorisation required.</p>	<p>NO</p>




2.10 ELIGIBILITY FOR RESIDENTIAL CARE

<p><i>The Orange Card is for pharmaceuticals only. There are no other entitlements (medical or treatment) associated with this card.</i></p>			
<p>Convalescent care (see section 18.4).</p>	<p>YES – refer to DVA.</p>	<p>YES – for accepted disabilities. Refer to DVA.</p>	<p>NO</p>
<p>Emergency short-term home relief (see section 18.6).</p>	<p>YES – refer to DVA.</p>	<p>YES – for accepted disabilities. Refer to DVA.</p>	<p>NO</p>
<p>Nursing home and hostel care (residential aged care) (see section 18.2).</p>	<p>Subsidy paid by DVA, but same fee arrangements apply for veterans as for all other residents, with the exception of ex-POWs receiving nursing home care. Refer to DVA.</p>	<p>Subsidy paid by DVA, but same fee arrangements apply for veterans as for all other residents, with the exception of ex-POWs receiving nursing home care. Refer to DVA.</p>	<p>NO</p>

Palliative care (see section 18.5).	YES – refer to DVA.	YES – for accepted disabilities. Refer to DVA.	NO
Respite care (see section 18.3).	YES – refer to DVA.	YES – for accepted disabilities. Refer to DVA.	NO
Veterans' Home Care (see section 18.1).	YES - refer to VHC assessment agency for assessment.	YES - refer to VHC assessment agency for assessment.	NO

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2.11 ELIGIBILITY FOR TRAVEL ASSISTANCE

<i>The Orange Card is for pharmaceuticals only. There are no other entitlements (medical or treatment) associated with this card.</i>			
Allied health providers – to obtain treatment from the closest practicable allied health provider – see section 20).	YES	YES – for accepted disabilities.	NO
Ambulance transport (see section 20.6).	YES . Note: in some States prior financial authorisation is required, except for emergencies.	YES – for accepted disabilities. Note: in some states prior financial authorisation is required, except for emergencies.	NO
Hearing services – to obtain treatment from the closest Office of Hearing Services, accredited Australian Hearing Services centre, or accredited provider (see section 16).	YES	YES – for accepted disabilities.	NO
Hospital treatment – to obtain treatment at the closest practicable hospital or day procedure centre (see section 20).	YES	YES – for accepted disabilities.	NO
Medical treatment	YES	YES – for accepted	NO

<p>– to attend the closest practicable LMO or medical specialist (see section 20).</p>		<p>disabilities.</p>	
<p>Dental services – to obtain treatment from the closest practicable provider.</p>	<p>YES</p>	<p>YES – for accepted disabilities.</p>	<p>NO</p>