

New Veteran Health Identification Card

Description

Since 2004, VA has been issuing Veterans enrolled with VA for their health care a Veteran Identification Card (VIC). VA understands the importance of personal security and as part of VA's commitment to protect Veterans' private information, the current VIC will be replaced with a Veteran Health Identification Card (VHIC). The VHIC does not have the Veteran's Social Security number and date of birth contained in the magnetic stripe or barcode. Other security measures include using microtext to help prevent counterfeit reproductions.

What is Changing

The old VIC is being replaced with a more secure identification card, the Veteran Health Identification Card (VHIC).

Additional Information

VA will begin mailing the new card to newly enrolled Veterans beginning in February 2014.

Enrolled Veterans who do not have a VIC can contact their local VA medical center Enrollment Coordinator to apply for the new VHIC, or can request a VHIC at their next VA health care appointment.

VA will automatically send enrolled Veterans who have been issued a VIC the new VHIC beginning in April 2014. Until Veterans receive the new, more secure VHIC, they are encouraged to safeguard their old VIC as they would a credit card to prevent unauthorized access to their identity information. Once the new VHIC is received, Veterans should destroy their old VIC by cutting it up or shredding it.

Veterans who are NOT enrolled with the VA for their health care and who would like to receive the new VHIC can apply for enrollment online at www.va.gov/healthbenefits/enroll.

To further protect Veteran's identity and prevent identity theft, either one primary form of identification or two secondary forms of identification will be required to receive the new VHIC. For more information on these documents, visit www.va.gov/healthbenefits/vhic.