

You may have heard that VA will soon offer a dental insurance program to enrolled Veterans and CHAMPVA beneficiaries. What this means for you is that nothing changes – you'll still be providing our eligible Veterans world-class dental care.

VA is implementing a comprehensive national VA Dental Insurance Program (VADIP) to give enrolled Veterans and CHAMPVA beneficiaries the opportunity to purchase dental insurance through Delta Dental and MetLife at a reduced cost. Participation will be voluntary and will not affect Veteran's eligibility for VA dental services and treatment.

Eligible individuals can apply for coverage beginning November 15 for coverage that begins January 1, 2014. Covered services include diagnostic, preventative, surgical, emergency and endodontic/restorative treatment. Delta Dental and MetLife will offer Veterans and CHAMPVA beneficiaries multiple plans to choose from to meet their dental needs and budget. Each participant will pay fixed monthly premiums for coverage and any copayments required depending on the type of plan selected.

Dependents of Veterans, except those eligible under CHAMPVA, are not authorized to participate in VADIP. Those individuals may be eligible for separate dental insurance coverage offered by these carriers.

VA's Chief Business Office will oversee VADIP and is working with Delta Dental and MetLife on a marketing campaign to promote awareness of the program to Veterans, CHAMPVA beneficiaries, VA staff, VSOs and other stakeholders. In addition, Delta Dental and MetLife will market to the general Veteran population.

More information may be found by visiting www.va.gov/healthbenefits/access/vadip.asp or calling 1-877-222-VETS (8387).