

Emergency Care for Suicide Crisis

No Enrollment Needed

Veterans in suicide crisis can receive immediate care at any emergency room, VA or non-VA.

How it works

1. Eligible Veterans experiencing an acute suicidal crisis – whether enrolled in VA or not – can go to a VA or non-VA emergency room.
2. Veterans in suicide crisis should call 911 or go to the nearest emergency room for expedited care. No enrollment in VA care is required.
3. VA will provide or cover the cost for immediate treatment including transportation and up to 90 days of follow-on care, including related prescriptions.

Who is Eligible

Regardless of VA enrollment status, the following are eligible to have their medical expenses covered by VA:

1. Veterans discharged after 24+ months of service, under conditions other than dishonorable. OR
2. Active and reserve service members with 100+ days of service in combat roles or supporting contingency operations, discharged under conditions other than dishonorable. OR
3. Veterans who experienced military sexual trauma during their service.

Note: Dishonorably discharged service members should still seek care at a VA or non-VA emergency room, however, VA will not cover the expenses.

Questions or need help



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 Veterans
Crisis Line
DIAL 988 then PRESS 1

