# VA SURVEY OF VETERAN ENROLLEES' HEALTH AND USE OF HEALTH CARE FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the Survey of Veteran Enrollees' Health and Use of Health Care (Survey of Enrollees)?

- The Survey of Enrollees is a nationwide survey of Veterans enrolled in the VA Health Care system. The survey is conducted every year.
- More than 42,000 Veterans per year participate in the survey.
- The survey asks questions about your use of health care, insurance benefits, and your health status.
- Your answers will help VA improve services and provide better programs for the Veterans
  who need them. We want to hear from <u>all</u> Veterans, including women and Veterans with
  diverse racial and ethnic backgrounds.

Should I take the survey if I don't currently use VA Health Care?

• Yes, we want to hear from you even if you don't currently use VA Health Care.

#### How was I selected?

- You were randomly selected from all Veterans enrolled in the VA Health Care system to participate in this scientific survey.
- Your responses will represent the experiences of many other Veterans throughout the country.

What are you asking me to do?

• We are asking you to share your personal experience and viewpoint when answering the questions in the Survey of Enrollees – it will take about 20 minutes.

How do I complete the survey?

- You can complete the survey online by going to the following secure website: http://www.VHASoE.org
- Once at the website, enter the personal identification number (PIN) listed in your enclosed invitation letter to begin the survey.
- If you do not want to complete the survey online or do not have a computer, smartphone, or tablet, you can still participate. A paper survey will automatically be mailed within the next few weeks if you do not complete the survey online.

## Why should I complete the survey?

- Your responses contribute to the most accurate, up-to-date information about Veterans enrolled in VA Health Care systems.
- To make sure the results of the survey represent the Veteran population as a whole, it is very important to hear from everyone who was selected.
- Your answers will help to improve VA Health Care services and help VA better anticipate the health care needs of all Veterans.

## What kind of questions are in the survey?

• The survey includes questions about your health status, health insurance, use of health services, your service history, and demographics (e.g., age, gender).

## Will the survey affect my VA benefits?

- No, the survey will **NOT** affect your VA benefits. Your VA benefits cannot be reduced or changed because of your answers, or whether or not you complete the survey.
- Your participation is voluntary.

#### Who is conducting this survey?

- The Veterans Health Administration (VHA) Chief Strategy Office is conducting the survey.
- The Chief Strategy Office serves as an advisor on VHA policy, strategic planning, and forecasting demand for health care services.
- Trilogy Federal, LLC, a service-disabled Veteran-owned small business, and its partner Westat, a survey research firm, is under contract to collect data for the survey.

www.TrilogyFederal.com / www.Westat.com

#### How will you protect my privacy?

- VA, Trilogy Federal, and Westat will protect your identity to the fullest extent allowed under the law.
- Your personal information will be secured in a protected electronic file.
- Your answers will be combined with answers from other Veterans in the study and secured in a protected electronic file.
- Your answers will not be connected to your name.
- Your answers will be identified by a number only.
- Your personal information will not be put in any report about this survey.

# What do I do if I have changes to my contact information?

For your protection and privacy, the only way to change your information (including name, address, or notification of a deceased relative) is by calling the VHA Health Eligibility Center at 1-877-222-8387. They are available Monday through Friday between 8am and 8pm ET to assist you with these requests.

# Who can I contact if I have questions?

- If you have additional questions about the survey, you can call the Survey of Enrollees Help Center toll-free at 1-888-848-7018 or send an email to questions@VHASoE.org. Help Center staff are available from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. ET, seven days a week.
- If you have questions about VA Health Care or VA benefits, please contact MyVA at 1-800-698-2411, go online at www.va.gov, or contact the Patient Advocate at your nearest VA medical center. You can find your nearest VA at www.va.gov/find-locations.
- If you're a Veteran in crisis or concerned about one, contact the Veterans Crisis Line to receive 24/7 confidential support. You don't have to be enrolled in VA benefits or health care to connect. To reach responders, dial 988 then Press 1, chat online at VeteransCrisisLine.net/Chat, or text 838255.