

UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

## Emergency Care of Non-Service-Connected Conditions

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is authorized under Title 38 United States Code (U.S.C.) 1725 (also known as 'Mill Bill') to make payment or reimbursement to a claimant for emergency treatment provided to a veteran for non-service connected conditions in certain circumstances.

There is a timely filing limit for unauthorized inpatient or outpatient medical care claims. Claims must be submitted within 90 days from the date of care.

**Individual eligibility determinations are difficult, and therefore outside the scope of this general information. Please contact your local VA health care facility for individual veteran eligibility questions or concerns.**

A local VA health care facility may request medical documentation to support adjudication of a claim from a community health care provider. In addition, standard billing forms such as the CMS-1500 or CMS-1450 are required. For this type of unauthorized emergent care, VA requires claimants to fill out and submit VA Form 10-583. [Examples of these forms are shown on the Forms page.](#)

**Basic authorities & payment methodologies to provide unauthorized medical care for non-service-connected events are contained in: 38 U.S.C. 1725 & 38 CFR 17.1000-.1008**

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