



## Do You See a Private Health Care Provider?

VLER Health may benefit you! VLER Health is a program that shares certain parts of your Veteran's health record between the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), the Department of Defense (DoD), and selected private health care providers over a secure nationwide network known as the eHealth Exchange (eHE). This program is **free** and voluntary for the Veteran.

**How might VLER Health benefit me?** Many Veterans receive a portion of their care from private health care providers; either on a co-managed care basis or due to need for emergency care. VLER Health allows private providers, who are members of the nationwide network, to access your VA medical records more quickly to make timely and informed decisions about your care.

**What parts of the record will be shared?** Private health care providers will see a list of health problems, allergies, medications, vital signs, immunizations, chemistry, hematology, discharge summaries, history, physicals, procedure results, encounters, results, and progress notes.

**How do I join?** Signing up is fast and easy. You may sign up online, by mail, or in person.

**1. Online:** Only an authenticated 'Premium' account holder in e-benefits who has a Level 2 DS-Logon credential can self-enroll online. Simply visit <https://www.ebenefits.va.gov> and complete the following 4 steps: 1. Click on ACCESS MY DOCUMENTS at the top of the page. 2. Scroll down to the Health section & click on MANAGE MY AUTHORIZATIONS AND PREFERENCES (VLER). 3. At the bottom of the page click on SHARE YOUR ELECTRONIC HEALTH INFORMATION WITH PRIVATE HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS. 4. Highlighted on this page you will find the VLER Authorization form, the "Stop Sharing" form and a list of participating VA Medical Centers.

**2. By Mail:** Download and fill out the VA Authorization (VA Form 10-0485), this form can be found on our internet site at: <http://www.blackhills.va.gov>

Fax to the following location: 1-605-745-2861

or Mail completed forms to:  
VA Black Hills Health Care System  
Release of Information, Bus-32-HS  
500 North 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
Hot Springs, SD 57747



**3. In Person:** Simply visit the Release of Information Offices (ROI) at the Hot Springs VAMC, the Ft. Meade VAMC, or Community Based Outpatient Clinic locations at Gordon or Scottsbluff, NE; Newcastle, WY; Eagle Butte, McLaughlin, Mission, Pine Ridge, Pierre, Rapid City, or Winner, SD. Fill out the VA Authorization (VA Form 10-0485) and turn it in to your local VAMC Release of Information office.

**What if I decide not to join?** Participation is entirely voluntary. If you decide to not join VLER, we will not share your health information with private health care providers using the eHealth Exchange. This will not affect your benefits or your relationship with your doctor and/or VA BHHCS.

**What if I join and later change my mind?** If you change your mind, you can visit your VA BHHCS website for a Revocation (stop sharing) form or call the toll-free VLER Health Information line at 1-877-771-VLER (8537) to request a form to stop sharing your health information.

Please visit our internet site at <http://www.blackhills.va.gov/> to download forms and learn more about VLER.