

## My Healthe Vet Quick Guide

## **Connecting Accounts**

For Users With eBenefits/DS Logon Premium Accounts & My HealtheVet VA Patient Accounts



The My HealtheVet and eBenefits web portals now offer users the ability to **Connect Accounts**. Users with an eBenefits/DS Logon Premium account and a My HealtheVet VA Patient account can now seamlessly go from eBenefits to My HealtheVet. In addition, some My HealtheVet users with a Connected Account may be able to start the process to upgrade their My HealtheVet account online.

**Connecting Accounts** is a process that allows a user to enter one Username and Password and go to more than one web site.

For example: If you use your DS Logon Premium credentials to log into your eBenefits account, you can go directly to your My Health**e**Vet account without an additional log in. This is considered a Single Sign-On (SSO) and your two accounts are connected.

Connecting accounts:

- Is easy to do
- Increases security to your personal information
- Makes it easy to move from one site to another

**Note:** You cannot log directly into your My HealtheVet account using your DS Logon Premium credentials. They can only be used to access eBenefits.

You may be able to **Upgrade Your My HealtheVet Account Online**. If you are enrolled in a VA health care facility, registered as a VA Patient in My HealtheVet, and have an eBenefits/DS Logon Premium account, you may be able to start the upgrade of your My HealtheVet Account online. If you start to upgrade your account online, you *will not* have to go through <u>In-Person Authentication</u> at your local VA health care facility

Before you can upgrade your My Health**e**Vet account online, you need to:

- Be registered as a VA Patient in My HealtheVet
- Have a DS Logon Premium Account
- Have your My HealtheVet account information (full name, Social Security Number, date of birth and/or gender) match what is in <u>DEERS</u>

**Note:** If you choose not to upgrade your account online, you can still get an upgraded My Health**e** Vet Account the next time you visit your local VA health care facility.

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- Go to <u>www.ebenefits.va.gov</u> and select Login
- Type your DS Logon Premium Username and Password and select Login
- In the Manage Your Health Care Online box, select My HealtheVet
- In the Connect to My HealtheVet box, select Go to My HealtheVet Enter Here

If successful, you should be automatically logged into your My Health**e**Vet account.

**Note:** For the connection of your accounts to be successful, your DEERS and My Health**e**Vet personal information (e.g., full name, Social Security Number, date of birth and gender) **MUST** match

## Upgrade Your My HealtheVet Account Online

After you have successfully **Connected Accounts**, if you are a 'VA Patient' in My HealtheVet and do not have an upgraded\* account, you will be asked if you would like to start to upgrade your account today.

Follow these steps:

- 1. Download, print, and sign the <u>VA Release of</u> <u>Information (ROI) form (10-5345a-MHV)</u>
- 2. Mail your signed form to the Release of Information Office at your local VA health care facility. You can use the <u>VA Facility</u> <u>Locator</u> to find the address.
- 3. Now Select YES UPGRADE MY ACCOUNT.

\*Please allow 10 – 20 business days to complete the upgrading of your account.

To learn more, visit the **Connecting Accounts** <u>Frequently Asked Questions</u>. This site has questions and answers that may help you understand more about the feature and how it can help.