

FEE BASIS IDENTIFICATION CARD

The card contains the basic identifying information needed to bill the VA for services provided.

An expiration date will not be shown on the Fee Basis ID Card; however, a specific validity period for each authorization based on each veteran's eligibility status and on the nature of the condition for which Fee Basis Care is to be provided will be contained in the veteran's Outpatient Treatment Folder. The validity period will not exceed a period of 36 months. The veteran will be evaluated prior to expiration of the validity date to determine the need to continue on a Fee Basis status.

Routine medical services may not exceed \$75 per month unless prior authorization is granted by the authorizing physician. Care is limited to treatment of specific disabilities listed on the Identification Card. When unusual services are indicated and it is anticipated that they will exceed the \$75 monthly limitation, authorization must be requested in advance from the VA. The VA Consultant Physician will either authorize the services or recommend that the veteran obtain the procedures at a VA facility.

When treatment is obtained without advance authorization due to the need for emergent or prompt medical service, fee basis authority may be granted when notification is made to the Fee Basis Section within fifteen (15) days of the initial date of emergent care. Justification will be determined by the VA Physician. Non-VA Outpatient emergent care not reported to the Fee Basis Section within fifteen (15) days may be submitted for payment consideration as an unauthorized claim.

BILLING STATEMENTS

A claim, together with necessary supporting documents, should be sent to the Los Angeles VA Outpatient Clinic, Attn: 136B2V, 425 South Hill Street, Los Angeles, CA 90013. If a billing is for pre-authorized services in excess of routine \$75 monthly limitation, a summary of treatment must accompany the billing.

Providers of services should bill the VA in the manner in which they usually bill their patients. Invoice must include: the veteran's name and social security number, the provider's tax identification number; the condition treated; treatment and dates of service; the fee participant's usual and customary fee. Special forms will not be provided for this purpose. If a billing is for authorized inpatient hospital treatment, a discharge summary must accompany the bill.