



**VHA Camp Lejeune Program  
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# VHA Camp Lejeune Program Overview

The “Honoring America’s Veterans and Caring for Camp Lejeune Families Act of 2012” (P.L.112-154) was enacted on August 6, 2012. Section 102 of this law requires VA to provide **health care** to Veterans who served on active duty at Camp Lejeune and **reimbursement of medical care** to eligible family members for one or more of 15 specified illnesses or conditions:

## Cancers

- Bladder
- Breast
- Esophageal
- Kidney
- Leukemia
- Lung
- Multiple myeloma
- Myelodysplastic syndromes
- Non-Hodgkin’s lymphoma

## Other Conditions

- Female infertility
- Hepatic steatosis
- Miscarriage
- Neurobehavioral effects
- Renal toxicity
- Scleroderma

# Camp Lejeune Veteran Eligibility

- To be eligible for VA healthcare, a Veteran must have served on active duty at Camp Lejeune for at least 30 days between August 1, 1953 and December 31, 1987.
- The Veteran does **NOT** need to have one of the 15 health conditions to be eligible to receive VA healthcare.
- Veterans do **NOT** need a service connected disability to be eligible as a Camp Lejeune Veteran for VA healthcare.
- VA healthcare related to any of the 15 qualifying health conditions is at no cost to the Veteran (including copayments).
- Camp Lejeune Veterans are enrolled in VA healthcare in Priority Group 6, unless they qualify for a higher priority group.

# Camp Lejeune Family Member Eligibility

To receive reimbursement of medical expenses under the provisions of this law, a CL family member:

- Must have had a dependent relationship to an eligible Veteran during the covered time frame.
- Have resided (including in-utero) on Camp Lejeune for at least 30 days between August 1, 1953 and December 31, 1987.
- **AND** have one or more of 15 qualifying health conditions.

# Camp Lejeune Veteran Program

- In response to the law, VA began providing care to Camp Lejeune Veterans on the day the law was enacted, August 6, 2012.
- To support implementation of this statutory requirement, the final regulation for Camp Lejeune Veterans was published on September 24, 2014.
- As of July 1, 2016:
  - VA has provided health care to 25,364 Camp Lejeune Veterans
  - 2,515 of which were treated specifically for one or more of the 15 specified Camp Lejeune-related medical conditions.
  - Of these Veterans, 211 Veterans received this care during fiscal year (FY) 2016.
- Camp Lejeune Veterans interested in enrolling in this program: Call 1-877-222-8387.

# Camp Lejeune Veteran Program

- The table below displays the number of Veterans who were treated for each of the 15 Camp Lejeune medical conditions between October 1, 2012, and March 17, 2016.

Veteran Condition /Illness	Totals
Bladder cancer	334
Breast cancer	58*
Esophageal cancer	125
Female infertility	1
Hepatic steatosis	320
Kidney cancer	210
Leukemia	167
Lung cancer	313
Miscarriage	0
Multiple myeloma	87
Myelodysplastic syndrome	25
Neurobehavioral effects	125
Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma	150
Renal toxicity	576
Scleroderma	24
<b>Total</b>	<b>2515</b>

\* Male Breast cancer = 15. Female Breast cancer = 43

# Camp Lejeune Family Member Program

- Camp Lejeune Family Member Program launched on October 24, 2014, the day that VA's Camp Lejeune family member regulation became effective.
- Family members receive care by civilian providers and VA reimburses, as the last payer, out-of-pocket medical costs associated with the 15 conditions.
- Family members may request reimbursement for expenses incurred on or after March 26, 2013, which is the date when Congress began to fund this program.
- As of August 8, 2016:
  - VA provided reimbursement to 193 family members for claims related to treatment of one or more of the 15 specified Camp Lejeune-related medical conditions.
- Camp Lejeune family members interested in enrolling in this program:
  - Call: 1-866-372-1144
  - Or Visit: <https://www.clfamilymembers.fsc.va.gov>

# Camp Lejeune Family Member Program

Family Member Condition /Illness	Totals
Bladder cancer	15
Breast cancer	197
Esophageal cancer	5
Female infertility	2
Hepatic steatosis	1
Kidney cancer	18
Leukemia	17
Lung cancer	18
Miscarriage	2
Multiple myeloma	17
Myelodysplastic syndrome	6
Neurobehavioral effects	1
Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma	31
Renal toxicity	3
Scleroderma	12
<b>Total</b>	<b>345</b>



# Eligibility Denials

- Veterans: Veterans: Of the 28,968 Veterans who applied for care and services under the Camp Lejeune Program between October 1, 2012, and June 30, 2016, 121 Veterans were ineligible because they did not meet the statutory requirements for Veteran status.
- Family members: Of the 1,525 family members who applied for medical benefits in the Camp Lejeune Family Member Program between October 24, 2014, and August 8, 2016, 442 were ineligible due to:
  - Camp Lejeune Residency (for 30+ days) Criteria = 217
  - Dependent's Relationship to Eligible Veteran Requirement = 149
  - Veteran's Eligibility Criteria = 64

# Top Five Reasons Family Member Out-of-Pocket Medical Expenses Were Not Reimbursed

- The medical bill was previously paid by Other Health Insurance (OHI), so there was not patient responsibility for the charge(s).
- The charge was previously submitted (a duplicate bill was filed).
- Diagnosis code(s) on the medical bill is not covered for the approved condition (bill was sent for clinical review and it was determined the medical procedures(s) were not related to the approved condition).
- The family member/provider did not submit an OHI Explanation of Benefits.
- Prescription not covered by approved drug formulary listing. (After Nurse review, medication still not determined related to approved condition.)