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VA Health Care Accessibility: All Veterans Exposed to Toxins Are Eligible for VA Health Care Starting March 5th

Under the direction of President Joe Biden, the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) will make the largest expansion of Veteran health care.

Beginning March 5th, millions of veterans who were exposed to toxins and other hazards while serving in the military, at home, or abroad will be eligible to enroll directly in VA health care without applying for VA benefits.

This includes but is not limited to those who served in the Vietnam War, the Gulf War, Iraq, Afghanistan, the Global War on Terror, or who never deployed but were exposed to toxins or hazards.

The move eliminated the phased in approach mandated by the PACT Act. Millions of Veterans are becoming eligible for VA health care up to eight years earlier than written into law. Since the PACT Act was signed into law, more than 500,000 Veterans have enrolled in VA health care.

According to a United States Census Bureau Survey, approximately 35% of veterans living in Connecticut served in the Vietnam era. Almost 30% of all Connecticut veterans live with a disability.

Congresswoman Jahana Hayes urges Connecticut veterans exposed to toxins and hazards to apply for enrollment beginning March 5th.

You can apply for VA health care here.

You can also call the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs for 24/7 assistance at 800-698-2411 (TTY: 711).