



Do You See a Non-VA Health Care Provider?

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

How might VLER Health benefit me? Many Veterans receive a portion of their care from non-VA health care providers. Sharing certain parts of your Electronic Health Record (EHR) will help reduce the need for patients and families to carry records between health care providers as well as allow your private health care provider to make more informed decisions about your care. In an emergency, immediate access to additional health care information could save your life.

Who can view my health information? Your non-VA health care provider and VA doctors will both be able to see certain parts of your health record and use it to create a better picture of your overall health.

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

Online: Simply visit: <http://www.va.gov/vler/>

In Person: Simply visit one of the Release of Information Offices (ROI) of the Overton Brooks A Medical Center located at the main campus at 510 E. Stoner Avenue Shreveport, LA 71101; or outpatient clinic locations in Longview, TX; Monroe, LA; or Texarkana, AR. Fill out the VA Authorization form (VA Form 10-0485) and turn it in.

By Mail: Download and fill out the VA Authorization (VA Form 10-0485) from our internet site at <http://www.shreveport.va.gov/VLERHealth/VLERHealth.asp>. Mail the Authorization form to Overton Brooks VA Medical Center, Attn: Release of Information Office, 510 E. Stoner Avenue, Shreveport, LA 71101.

By Fax: Fax the VA Authorization to: (318) 990-5532

What if I decide not to join? Participation is entirely voluntary. Deciding not to participate will not affect your VLER Health benefits or your relationship with your doctor and/or the Brooks Overton VA Medical Center.

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

Please visit our internet site at <http://www.shreveport.va.gov/VLERHealth/VLERHealth.asp> to download the forms and learn more about VLER Health.