

MAY 2018: This rule is repealed in its entirety:

~~0320 REFERRAL TO OTHER RESOURCES FOR MED CARE~~

~~0320.05 AVAILABILITY OF OTHER RESOURCES~~

~~REV:01/2002~~

~~In addition to the Medical Assistance Program, there are other resources within the State for individuals with medical needs.~~

~~Some individuals may be concurrently eligible for more than one of these resources, such as Office of Rehabilitation Services and Medical Assistance. Veterans' benefits may also be received instead of, or in addition to, Medical Assistance or other assistance programs.~~

~~Applicants who do not meet the eligibility requirements for Medical Assistance may be eligible for one or more of the following programs:~~

- ~~o Veterans' Benefits (VA);~~
- ~~o Office of Rehabilitation Services (ORS);~~
- ~~o Rhode Island Pharmaceutical Assistance for the Elderly.~~

~~REHABILITATION (ORS) SERVICES~~

~~REV:01/2002~~

~~When a recipient of MA is eligible for Office of Rehabilitation Services (ORS), or a recipient of ORS is eligible for MA, the medical expenses are shared by the two agencies.~~

~~ORS has the responsibility for the administration of all services needed to preserve or develop to the maximum the self-sufficiency of the individual toward a vocational goal.~~

~~VR Responsibilities~~

~~REV:01/2002~~

~~In order to fully utilize the services of both agencies, ORS assumes responsibility for the following services:~~

- ~~o A complete general medical examination providing an appraisal of the current medical status of the individual;~~

- ~~o Examination by specialists in all fields as needed, including psychiatric and/or psychological examinations in all cases of suspected mental or emotional illness;~~
- ~~o Such laboratory tests, x ray services and other indicated studies as are necessary to establish the diagnosis(es), to determine the extent to which disability limits the individual's daily living and work activities, and to estimate the potential results of physical restoration services;~~
- ~~o The initial purchase of durable medical equipment and surgical and prosthetic appliances required as part of a vocational rehabilitation plan;~~
- ~~o Inpatient and outpatient services provided by rehabilitation facilities not covered within the scope of services of the Rhode Island Medical Assistance Program;~~
- ~~o Private psychiatric services within the normal limitations of the ORS program;~~
- ~~o All other medical services and supplies which are required as part of an overall ORS plan that are not covered by the Rhode Island Medical Assistance Program.~~

MA Responsibilities

REV:06/1994

The Medical Assistance Program assumes responsibility for payment of the following services:

- ~~o Hospital services in licensed general hospitals certified for participation in the Title XVIII and Title XIX Programs when provided in accordance with applicable Federal and State rules and regulations;~~
- ~~o Durable medical equipment and surgical and prosthetic appliances utilized on an ongoing basis;~~
- ~~o Hemodialysis treatments provided in a hospital or a~~

~~hemodialysis facility;~~

- ~~o All other medical services and supplies which are medically justifiable and included within the scope of services of the Rhode Island Medical Assistance Program, but not covered by Vocational Rehabilitation.~~

~~0320.10.15 Prior Authorization Required~~

~~REV:06/1994~~

~~All medical services and supplies paid for by the Medical Assistance Program will be provided in accordance with established methods of reimbursement, fee schedules and other applicable rules and regulations. Since certain hospital and outpatient department services provided in out of state hospitals require prior authorization, consultation between the two agencies will be required before authorization is granted for such services. All rehabilitative services will be provided within the scope of services of VR. Referrals between the two agencies will be administered as agreed upon by both agencies.~~

~~VR will take the initiative to evaluate and determine those services needed to return an individual to a remunerative occupation. Those medical services not directly connected with the individual's major disabling condition and vocational rehabilitation process will be included.~~

~~MA will be responsible for the ongoing medical needs not directly related to the vocational rehabilitation process.~~

~~VR will provide ongoing counseling and guidance and other non-medical services required to achieve the individual's vocational objective.~~

~~0320.10.20 Referral of MA Ineligible Individ w/Disability~~

~~REV:01/2002~~

~~When an individual who is ineligible for MA has a disability, s/he may be referred to:~~

~~Office of Rehabilitative Services (ORS)
40 Fountain Street
Providence, RI 02903
Telephone: 421 7005~~

~~0320.15 VETERANS BENEFITS~~

~~REV:06/1994~~

~~Veterans Benefits are a resource for which increasing numbers of individuals may be eligible. These benefits and services are available to veterans and their dependents or survivors. They may be received instead of, or in addition to, Medical Assistance.~~

~~0320.15.05 Who is a Veteran~~

~~REV:01/2002~~

~~Service in any branch of the armed forces during the following periods designated for the various wars and specific periods of qualifying peacetime service qualifies an individual as a Veteran.~~

~~Mexican Border Period May 9, 1916 to April 5, 1917~~

~~World War I April 6, 1917 to November 11, 1918
Service in Russia, ending date: April 1, 1920~~

~~World War II December 7, 1941 to December 31, 1946~~

~~Korean Campaign June 27, 1950 to January 31, 1955~~

~~Vietnam February 28, 1961 to May 7, 1975~~

~~Verification by discharge papers (Form DD 214) is required upon application for benefits.~~

~~0320.15.10 Who is Eligible~~

~~REV:01/2002~~

~~Veterans Benefits are a possible source to any disabled veteran whether the disability is service connected or not. Dependents and survivors may also be entitled to benefits. All applicants who are veterans (served during the specified periods) and who have a disability must apply for Veterans Benefits through the US Department of Veterans Offices. All widows of a veteran, or caretaker relative of the child(ren) of a deceased or disabled veteran must investigate the possible eligibility for Veterans Benefits. There are also benefits and services available to non-disabled veterans.~~

~~Benefits Available~~

~~REV:06/1994~~

~~In addition to the regular Compensation (for service connected disabilities) or Pension (for non-service connected~~

~~disabilities) that a veteran (and his/her dependents) or a widow pensioner receives, additional amounts are allowed when the individual:~~

- ~~o Is housebound;~~
- ~~o Has unusual medical expense (reimbursed expenditures above 5% of income which could reduce countable income below VA income limitation, thereby creating entitlement); or~~
- ~~o When the individual is in need of aid or attendance (this will be construed to include public or private nursing care facilities, foster homes and non-profit organizations).~~

~~0320.15.15.05 Death Benefits~~

~~REV:01/2002~~

~~Death benefits (gratuity) are available only to veterans who receive compensation or had active duty during wartime.~~

~~0320.15.15.10 Medical Benefits~~

~~REV:01/2002~~

~~Information about medical benefits available through the Veterans Administration Medical Centers for veterans whose benefits are service connected or non service connected may be obtained from:~~

~~VA Medical Center
Davis Park
Providence, Rhode Island~~

~~0320.15.15.15 Cost of Living Increases~~

~~REV:06/1994~~

~~Whenever there is a cost of living increase in Social Security benefits the VA shall, effective the date the increase becomes effective, increase by the same percentage the maximum annual rates of the VA pension.~~

~~0320.15.20 How to Receive VA Benefits~~

~~REV:01/2002~~

~~All benefits must be applied for and substantiating data must be provided by the veteran or survivor.~~

~~Individuals potentially eligible may be referred directly to:~~

~~Veterans Administration Regional Office
380 Westminster Street
Providence, RI 02903
Telephone: 1-800-827-1000~~

~~If the individual questions whether there is eligibility for a specific program or benefit or needs help in making the application, referral may be made to:~~

~~Office of Veterans Affairs
600 New London Avenue
Cranston, RI 02920
Telephone: 462-0350~~

~~0320.20 RI PHARMACEUTICAL ASSIST FOR ELDERLY (RIPAE)~~

~~REV:01/2002~~

~~RIPAE is operated by the Rhode Island Department of Elderly Affairs. The program provides assistance to low and middle income individuals or couples, 65 years of age or older, to help pay for prescription medication for certain medical conditions.~~

~~0320.20.05 Eligibility for Coverage~~

~~REV:01/2002~~

~~To be eligible, an individual must:~~

- ~~o Be a resident of Rhode Island;~~
- ~~o Be sixty five (65) years of age or older;~~
- ~~o Have income within program guidelines established by the Department of Elderly Affairs; and~~
- ~~o Have no coverage for prescription medication.~~

~~0320.20.10 Covered Medications~~

~~REV:01/2002~~

~~Current information about medications covered by RIPAE may be obtained from the Rhode Island Department of Elderly Affairs. In 2001, RIPAE covered a portion of the cost of prescriptions used to treat Alzheimer's disease, arthritis, diabetes, heart problems, depression, anti infectives, Parkinson's disease, high blood pressure, cancer, urinary incontinence, circulatory insufficiency, high cholesterol, asthma and chronic respiratory conditions, glaucoma, and prescriptive vitamins and mineral supplements for renal patients.~~

~~**0320.20.15 Application Process**~~

~~REV:01/2002~~

~~Elderly individuals, ineligible for MA, should contact the Department of Elderly Affairs at 222-2880 for information concerning RIPAE and other programs for which s/he may be eligible.~~