



VEText

What is VEText?

- An automated, *interactive* text message system to remind Veterans of upcoming VA appointments. **Veterans can respond to confirm or cancel an appointment.**

Why is VA introducing VEText?

- For one reason or another, Veterans miss more than 9 million health care appointments each year. Sometimes it is hard to keep track of the times or it may be difficult to cancel appointments. This program will send timely text alerts. Veterans can confirm or cancel the date and time with a simple text back. VA will then offer any newly opened appointment times to other Veterans.

What does VEText do?

- Reminds Veterans of appointments.
- Allows Veterans a useful cancellation option if desired.
- Allows a download of the reminder to a calendar file.

When will VEText start?

- **Starts Tuesday, May 1st** for Primary Care, Mental Health, Dental, and Poly Trauma appointments.

What do Veterans need to do to get started with VEText?

- Update or provide an active cell phone number with VA staff
- No need to opt-in; text appointment reminders will occur automatically.
- Veterans may STOP the texts by following the instructions within the texts.
- No cell phone? No problem. **VetText** does not replace other reminders. It simply improves the experience.
- VEText does not show personal information—just a simple reminder of an appointment and offers tools to manage the appointment.