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AFFORDABLE CARE ACT DEADLINE LOOMING
Uninsured Veterans Should Act Immediately to Beat the Deadline

LEBANON – March 27, 2014 – The deadline for having health insurance required by the Affordable Care Act (ACA) is March 31, 2014. The ACA requires all Americans to have health insurance. Those who do not have coverage by the deadline may incur penalties in their taxes. The Lebanon VA Medical Center is encouraging any Veterans who do not yet have health insurance to enroll in VA health care. Veterans enrolled in the VA health care meet the minimum essential coverage requirement of the ACA. Veterans currently enrolled in VA health care will see no change in their level and standard of care.

Veterans should call the Lebanon VA at 717-228-6000 to learn about how to enroll in VA health care. Veterans may also visit www.va.gov/aca or call 1-877-222-VETS (8387) for more information on registering for VA health care or to learn more about the Affordable Care Act. Veterans may be eligible for multiple programs and services offered to them at little or no cost because of their service to the Nation.

Veterans currently enrolled in VA health care will see no change to the care they receive once the March 31st deadline is reached. Veterans will continue to receive health care at little or no out-of-pocket costs based on their priority group level. Veterans will still be able to supplement their VA health care with other programs such as Medicare, TRICARE, or private insurance.

Anyone who is uninsured must register for healthcare that meets the Affordable Care Act's minimum essential coverage requirement by 11:59 p.m. on March 31 to avoid potential penalties. Veterans can apply for health care at any time by visiting www.va.gov/aca or calling 1-877-222-VETS (8387) from 8:00a.m.-10:00p.m., Eastern Standard Time Monday through Friday or from 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time on Saturday.

Lebanon VA Medical Center is one of 152 medical centers across the United States which are dedicated to serving the unique needs of America's Veterans. The VA is the largest health care system in the country, using state of the art technology to improve the health of Veterans from every generation.

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