



My HealthVet

Secure Messaging – Convenient Online Communication

Secure Messaging is an easy-to-use online messaging feature available through [My HealthVet](#). Similar to email, Secure Messaging allows you to send and receive messages, save drafts, review your sent messages and maintain a record of your conversations with VA care teams up to one year from the original date.

How Can Secure Messaging Benefit You?

Here are examples of ways VA Patients are already using the Secure Messaging feature.



Pharmacy

Use Secure Messaging to ask questions about your prescribed medications and to request renewals.



Non-Urgent Matters

Use Secure Messaging to communicate about non-urgent, non-emergency health related questions with your VA health care team and other VA staff (e.g., services your facility may offer through Secure Messaging such as administration, billing, pharmacy).



Appointments




Use Secure Messaging to request, reschedule or cancel your VA appointments.



Health Records

Use Secure Messaging to communicate with your health care team or ask your doctor to explain your latest test results downloaded via the VA Blue Button feature. Secure Messages saved to your VA medical record can be viewed in VA Notes through VA Blue Button.

How Do You Use Secure Messaging?

1. Login to your My HealthVet account. Note: you need a Premium account to access the Secure Messaging feature.
2. On your home page, select "Messages." 
3. Select "Open Secure Messaging." 
4. From here, you can choose to create a new message, read previous messages and review your conversations with VA care teams.
5. Select "Preferences" at the top right corner to update your email address and make other changes to Secure Messaging notifications.
6. To close Secure Messaging, select the "Close Secure Messaging" at the top right of your screen. 

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How to Navigate Your Messages

The screenshot shows the My HealthVet Secure Messaging interface. Red arrows point from callout boxes to specific UI elements:

- Create New Message**: Points to the "New Message" button in the left sidebar.
- Delete Selected Messages**: Points to the "Delete Selected" button in the message toolbar.
- Move Selected Messages to a Folder**: Points to the "Move Selected to ..." dropdown menu in the message toolbar.
- Close Secure Messaging**: Points to the "Close Secure Messaging" button in the top right corner.
- Create Your Own Folders**: Points to the "add new folder" link in the "My Folders" section of the left sidebar.
- Open Your Inbox, Drafts, Sent and Deleted folders**: Points to the "Inbox (0)", "Drafts [0]", "Sent", and "Deleted [0]" links in the left sidebar.
- Search Your Messages**: Points to the "Search..." input field in the message toolbar.

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Want More Information or Have Questions?

- Contact your local My HealthVet Coordinator,
- Visit www.myhealth.va.gov and select "Contact" at the top right of the screen or,
- Call the My HealthVet Help Desk at 1-877-327-0022 or 1-800-877-8339 (TTY), Monday - Friday, 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. (Central Time).