

Description

From the 1950s to the 1980s, Veterans and family members living or serving at U.S. Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune in North Carolina were potentially exposed to drinking water contaminated with chemicals known as volatile organic compounds, including industrial solvents and components of fuels.

On August 6, 2012, President Obama signed into law the *Honoring America's Veterans and Caring for Camp Lejeune Families Act of 2012*. Since this law was passed, VA has been providing health care to affected Veterans who served on active duty at Camp Lejeune for at least 30 days between August 1, 1953, and December 31, 1987. Regulations became effective on October 24, 2014 that allow VA to provide eligible Camp Lejeune family members reimbursement for health care costs related to any of the 15 medical conditions listed in the law, dating back to March 2013.

Illnesses or conditions

The law allows VA to provide Camp Lejeune family members reimbursement for health care related to the following illnesses or conditions:

- Bladder cancer
- Breast cancer
- Esophageal cancer
- Female infertility
- Hepatic steatosis
- Kidney cancer
- Leukemia
- Lung Cancer
- Miscarriage
- Multiple myeloma
- Myelodysplastic syndromes
- Neurobehavioral effects
- Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma
- Renal toxicity
- Scleroderma

Eligibility criteria for the CLFMP

To qualify for health care reimbursement under the CLFMP, a family member will need to show documentation that the Servicemember was stationed at Camp Lejeune for at least 30 days, their relationship to the Camp Lejeune Servicemember (i.e., marriage license or birth certificate), and proof of their residency on Camp Lejeune for not fewer than

30 days between August 1, 1953, and December 31, 1987 (i.e., copies of orders, base housing records, etc.). VA will be the final payer for health care related to the 15 covered conditions after payment has been made by your other health insurance plan, Medicare, Medicaid, or TRICARE.

Family members are strongly urged not to alter or cancel their current health insurance as this could put family members at great risk for obtaining and paying for health care for anything that is not within the 15 conditions provided for under the law.

Health concerns

Family members who are concerned about possible adverse health effects from exposure to contaminated water while working or living at Camp Lejeune between August 1, 1953, and December 31, 1987, should contact their health care provider.

Additional information

For more information on eligibility and how to apply, claims payment, appeals and other issues, family members may call toll-free at 866-372-1144 or visit the CLFMP website at <https://www.clfamilymembers.fsc.va.gov>.

When family members write to the CLFMP, send in completed forms, or submit medical bills, they should include their name and phone number. Family members should send inquiries or documentation to:

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
Financial Services Center
Camp Lejeune Family Member Program
PO Box 149200
Austin, TX 78714-9200

Fax Number: 512-460-5536

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- VHA Office of Public Health: <http://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/camp-lejeune/index.asp>
- US Marine Corps: <https://cldr.hqi.usmc.mil/clwater/index.aspx>