

## GUIDELINES FOR OBTAINING MEDICATION FROM BREVARD VA OUTPATIENT CLINIC

In order to obtain medications from the VA, it is our policy to require the veteran be seen by a VA health care provider on a routine basis. In other words, a patient-physician relationship must exist. **VA will not fill prescriptions written by physicians in the community.** You may bring these prescriptions to your VA health care provider to review. However, your VA provider will determine what treatment and/or medications are appropriate based on thorough examination or special testing, as necessary.

### Medication Copayments:

VA is required by law to charge a \$7.00 copayment for each 30-day-or-less supply of medication provided on an outpatient basis for the treatment of a nonservice-connected condition. Veterans who are in receipt of a VA disability rated at 50% or greater or veterans in receipt of a VA pension are **exempt** from having to make this copayment. Other veterans whose household income falls below an annually established threshold may also qualify for exemption from this copayment. Veterans who are not in receipt of a VA disability or service-connection will be required to pay the \$7.00 copayment. Please see the "Pink" Fact Sheet included in your Enrollment Package for further details.

**NOTE:** If you are a part-time resident of Florida and seek care in several VA facilities, please remember to obtain a 90-day supply or more if possible of your routine medications from your "home" VA before you travel. Most appointments are booked a few months in the future and you do not want to run out of medications before an appointment can be provided. Also before you leave Florida, please provide us with your out-of-state address and the dates you will be gone so we may enter this information in our computer data base.