



## News Release

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### **Replace old Veteran Affairs Identification Cards**

*New cards limit sensitive information to prevent identity theft*

**Littleton, Colo.** --- Veterans Affairs health care facilities have begun an aggressive campaign to replace old veteran identification cards with new cards for all enrolled veterans. New cards do not include sensitive information such as a social security number or date of the birth.

“The new cards are designed to reduce veterans’ vulnerability to identity theft, which is a growing concern, and demonstrate the Veterans Affairs’ commitment in securing the confidential, personal information of enrolled veterans,” said Joanne Turner, Arapahoe County Veteran Services Officer.

Additionally, veterans who have received recognition for sacrifices such as a former Prisoner of War, Purple Heart Medal recipient and/or veteran with a service-connected disability will have an indicator printed on their card after verified eligibility. The addition of these eligibility indicators will enhance identification of former POWs, Purple Heart Medal recipients and service-connected disabilities for those applying for special benefits.

Visit your local Veterans Affairs medical facility to have your picture taken and a new ID card will be mailed to you within five to seven days after eligibility for veterans’ health care has been verified. It may take longer to receive the card if your eligibility has not been verified or if you are not currently enrolled in the Veterans Affairs health care system.

Be sure to bring any documents with you to verify your service in the military, such as a DD214, Certificate of Discharge and any additional proof to verify any special eligibility, such as proof of receipt of a Purple Heart medal.

For more information regarding the new ID cards, call 303-734-5222 or visit [www.co.arapahoe.co.us](http://www.co.arapahoe.co.us).

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