



All information requested on this form should be provided.

Please complete the patient's details, including address and date of birth if file number is not known.

This form should be used by the referring provider to:

- request prior approval from DVA, where necessary, for treatment services and the supply of rehabilitation appliances;
- refer directly to another provider where prior approval from DVA is not required; and
- request patient transport for travel to treatment services.

For detailed information on DVA's prior approval and other administrative requirements, please refer to the booklet "Notes for LMOs", or contact DVA by phone.

Where prior approval from DVA is required, please send the comprehensive clinical details to DVA. The clinical details should include diagnosis and clinical findings. Please do not staple the clinical details to the form. If the request for prior approval is urgent, please contact DVA by phone.

Full clinical details are particularly important in relation to **requests for rehabilitation appliances**.

Where referral is appropriate, please send the any necessary clinical details directly to the provider.

The LMO is responsible for checking the **eligibility** of patients to receive treatment at DVA expense.

White card holders are entitled to receive treatment at DVA expense for their accepted disabilities only.

DVA will not be responsible for costs incurred where prior approval requirements are not followed, where ineligible patients are treated, or where a patient is treated by a provider who is not authorised to provide treatment on behalf of DVA.

If an indefinite referral to a medical specialist is appropriate for a chronically ill patient, the **period of referral** may be noted on the form as "ind".

The TRIPLICATE of this form is the **Transport Request Form**. It should be completed and returned to DVA when necessary.

The information provided on this form is required to process this request/referral. In the event of inappropriate servicing or treatment, or unprofessional conduct, information may be disclosed to the relevant State or Territory Registration Board or professional body.

Transport Request Form

The patient should use their usual, most economical, mode of public or private transport when travelling to treatment services.

Official car or taxi transport for treatment purposes will be provided only if a medical officer certifies that such transport is medically essential and that the patient cannot use satisfactory alternative transport.

If the patient is able to use public or private transport, this can be arranged without reference to DVA. Eligible patients can be reimbursed for privately incurred travel expenses if the treatment is approved and the patient attended the nearest suitable provider.

White card holders are only eligible for transport benefits in relation to treatment for their accepted disabilities.

