

DATA4967 - Average Treatment Card Model (ATCM) - Version June 2021 - Veteran and War Widow(er) Gold Card Cost

Table 1. Average Cost of DVA Gold Cards for Veterans and War Widow(er)s in FY2020-21

	Veteran Gold Cards	War Widow(er) Gold
Gold Card Active Users (Quarterly)	67,509	46,183
Average Cost per Active User	\$ 24,512	\$ 24,369

Source: Enhanced Average Treatment Card Model (ATCM), version 2021.06

Caveats

- Note 1: In 2021, DVA adopted a new model for estimating average treatment card cost. Rather than considering all cards issued, this model uses Active Users, a measure of the quarterly exposure of card holders that have ever had health expenditure covered to date.
 Note 2: The number of active Gold Card users in FY2020-21 may be slightly higher than total Gold Card holders as at June 2021 due to a shrinking population. Care should be taken when comparing these figures with previous years.
 Note 3: War Widow(er)s include VEA War Widow(er) Pension recipients and MRCA Wholly Dependant Partners (WDP).
 Note 4: Please note that some veteran Gold Card holders are also War Widow(er)s.

Table 2: Approximate Percentage Breakdown of Average Gold Card Cost for Veterans and War Widow(er)s by Item for FY2020-21

Payment Item	Veteran Gold Cards Percentage Allocation	War Widow(er) Gold Cards Percentage
LMO Consultations	4%	4%
Specialist Consultations	4%	4%
Medical Services (LMO & Specialist Services)	15%	13%
Private Hospitals	24%	22%
Public Hospitals	11%	15%
Nursing Home	0%	0%
Community Nursing	3%	9%
Travel for Treatment	5%	4%
Rehabilitation Appliances	4%	5%
Non Institutional Care	9%	6%
Dental Services	4%	2%
Open Arms (see Note 2)	3%	3%
Veterans Pharmaceutical Services	11%	9%
Veterans Home Care and In-Home Respite	3%	5%
Total	100%	100%

Source: Enhanced Average Treatment Card Model (ATCM), version 2021.06

Caveats

- Note 1: The percentage breakdown of average Gold Card cost was estimated in Table 2 for each cohort using the ATCM, with total health expenditure allocated using administrative data.
 Note 2: The ATCM does not include any administrative Open Arms data, and so total Open Arms expenditure was allocated in proportion to total health expenditure from all other items for each cohort.
 Note 3: War Widow(er)s include VEA War Widow(er) Pension recipients and MRCA Wholly Dependant Partners (WDP).
 Note 4: Please note that some veteran Gold Card holders are also War Widow(er)s.
 Note 5: The percentages in Table 2 have been rounded to one decimal place, and so the totals might not sum to exactly 100%.