

The following health conditions are presumptively recognized in children of veterans for service connection. Vietnam veteran's children with any of these conditions do not have to show that their illness is related to their parent's military service to get disability compensation. A current medical diagnosis of the condition and a DD Form 214 showing the parent's Vietnam Service is normally all that is needed to accompany a completed Veterans Application For Compensation or Pension VA Form Number 21-526.

Spina bifida (except spina bifida occulta): A neural tube birth defect that results from the failure of the bony portion of the spine to close properly in the developing fetus during early pregnancy.

Other (than spinal bifida) disabilities in the children of women Vietnam veterans. Covered birth defects" means any birth defect identified by VA as a birth defect associated with the service of women Vietnam veterans in Vietnam from 28 FEB 61 to 7 MAY 75, and that has resulted, or may result, in permanent physical or mental disability. However, the term does not include a condition due to a familial (this is, inherited) disorder; birth-related injury; or fetal or neonatal infirmity with other well-established causes.

Covered birth defects include, but are not limited to, the following conditions:

achondroplasia	cleft lip and cleft palate
congenital heart disease	hypospadias
congenital talipes equinovarus (clubfoot)	hip dysplasia
esophageal and intestinal atresia	neural tube defects
Hallerman-Streiff syndrome	pyloric stenosis
Hirschprung's disease (congenital megacolon)	imperforate anus
hydrocephalus due to aqueductal stenosis	Poland syndrome
syndactyly (fused digits)	tracheoesophageal fistula
undescended testicle	Williams syndrome

** Not covered are conditions that are congenital malignant neoplasms, chromosomal disorders, or developmental disorders. In addition, conditions that do not result in permanent physical or mental disability are not covered birth defects. All birth defects that are not excluded under the language above are covered birth defects. (Source: Extracted from Agent Orange Review, Vol. 19, No 2, Dated July 2003)