# **Medical Device Procurement**

## Project Brief (In Progress):

https://github.com/department-of-veterans-affairs/va.gov-team/blob/d57b05e020593432f5c4b6bbdecd2549860d8273/platform/product-management/product-outline-template.md

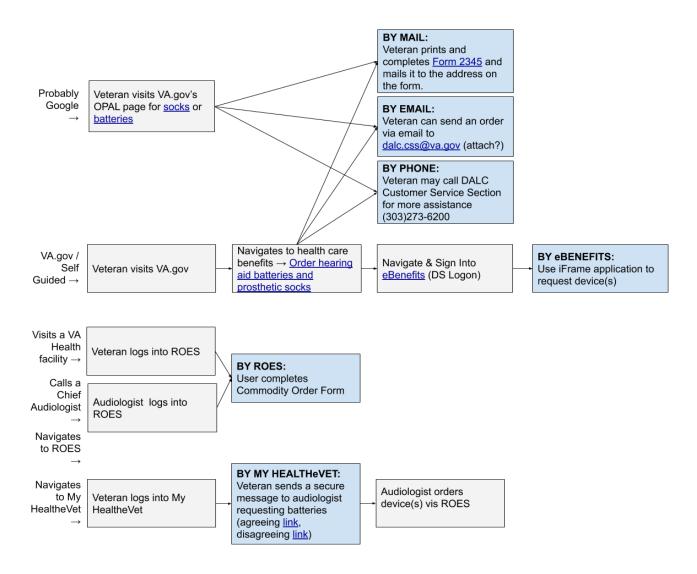
## **Important Links:**

- VA.gov site: <a href="https://www.va.gov/health-care/order-hearing-aid-batteries-prosthetic-socks/">https://www.va.gov/health-care/order-hearing-aid-batteries-prosthetic-socks/</a>
- VA.gov OPAL site: <a href="https://www.va.gov/OPAL/index.asp">https://www.va.gov/OPAL/index.asp</a> → For Veterans → Health Resources → Socks OR Batteries
- eBenefits:<a href="https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits/about/feature?feature=hearing-aid-batteries-an-d-prosthetic-socks">https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits/about/feature?feature=hearing-aid-batteries-an-d-prosthetic-socks</a>
- My HealtheVet Article about hearing loss
- Vetsfirst info on 'Stump Socks'
- What is the DALC? IRIS Search System Result
- VA Rehabilitation & Prosthetics Services: <a href="https://www.prosthetics.va.gov/">https://www.prosthetics.va.gov/</a>

## **How to Order Device(s):**

Many Veterans are entitled to receive supportive medical devices, such as prosthetic socks and hearing aid batteries, directly from the VA. There are currently multiple channels a Veteran can go through in order to use this benefit:

- Mailing Form 2345 (Prosthetic Socks) or Form 2346 (Hearing Aid Batteries) to DALC
- Emailing request to DALC, dalc.css@va.gov
- Calling DALC at (303)273-6200
- Completing the request form in eBenefits
- Completing the 'Commodity Order Form' directly in ROES
- Requesting device(s) through secure messaging on My HealtheVet (premium users only)
- Requesting the device(s) through their VHA Audiologist



### **Platforms:**

#### By Mail:

- For hearing aid batteries or accessories: Fill out a Veteran's Request for Batteries and Accessories (VA Form 2346) card. If you're ordering hearing aid wax guards, please write down the type of guard if you have that information from your audiologist. You should have received a VA Form 2346 in your last battery order. If you don't have the form, call your local VA audiology clinic or follow the instructions below to order batteries by phone. (Form is included at bottom of document)
- For prosthetic socks: Fill out a Veteran's Request for Prosthetic Socks (VA Form 2345)
- Mail the completed form to:
  - VA Denver Acquisition and Logistics Center, PO Box 25166, Denver, CO 80225-0166

### By Email:

• Email request to <a href="mailto:dalc.css@va.gov">dalc.css@va.gov</a>

## By Phone:

Call the Denver Acquisition & Logistics Center (DALC) at 303-273-6200.

- For hearing aid batteries, select 1 for the Automated Battery Reorder System. Enter your Social Security number and zip code when prompted. Then select which authorized batteries you need to reorder.
- For prosthetic socks or other accessories (like hearing aid wax guards), select 2 to speak with a customer service representative.
- To ask about hearing aid repairs, select 3.
- To speak with an operator, select 0.

#### eBenefits:



# Order Medical Equipment

Veterans who currently receive VA care can request items for which they require an ongoing supply. Most requests are answered in less than an hour, though in rare cases a request could take up to two days.

#### Select What You Would Like to Order

You must be under the care of a VA Audiology, Prosthetic, or Home Telehealth clinic to request and receive items from the Denver Acquisition & Logistics Center (DALC).

#### Batteries (for Hearing Aids and Other Medical Devices)

The DALC provides batteries for hearing aids and related medical devices and Telehealth equipment, as long as the device is authorized for use on the Veteran's clinical record. This includes equipment issued by the VA or obtained elsewhere but registered in the VA system.

#### Prosthetic Socks

Veterans who are amputees or have otherwise lost a limb can obtain prosthetic socks from the DALC.

#### Other Available Products

Hearing aid accessories such as external wax guards, cords, and ear hooks can also be obtained. Orthopedic corsets, belts, abdominal binders, and braces/supports are also available for management of spinal or orthopedic disabilities.

#### More Information

For more information, contact the DALC Customer Service Section at (303) 273-6200.



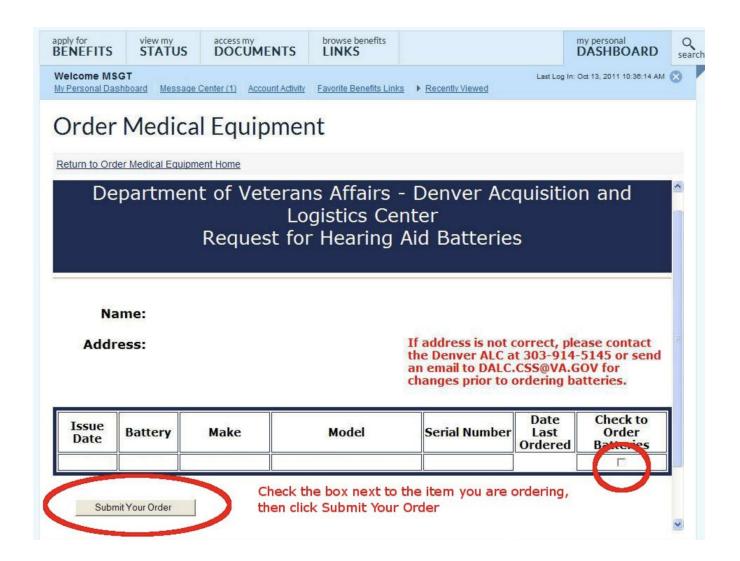
## Order Medical Equipment

Return to Order Medical Equipment Home

Department of Veterans Affairs
Denver Acquisition and Logistics Center
Online Ordering

Enter Last Name: \*
Enter Last 4 numbers of SSN: \*
Enter Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY): \*
Enter E-mail (Optional): \*
\* Required Field

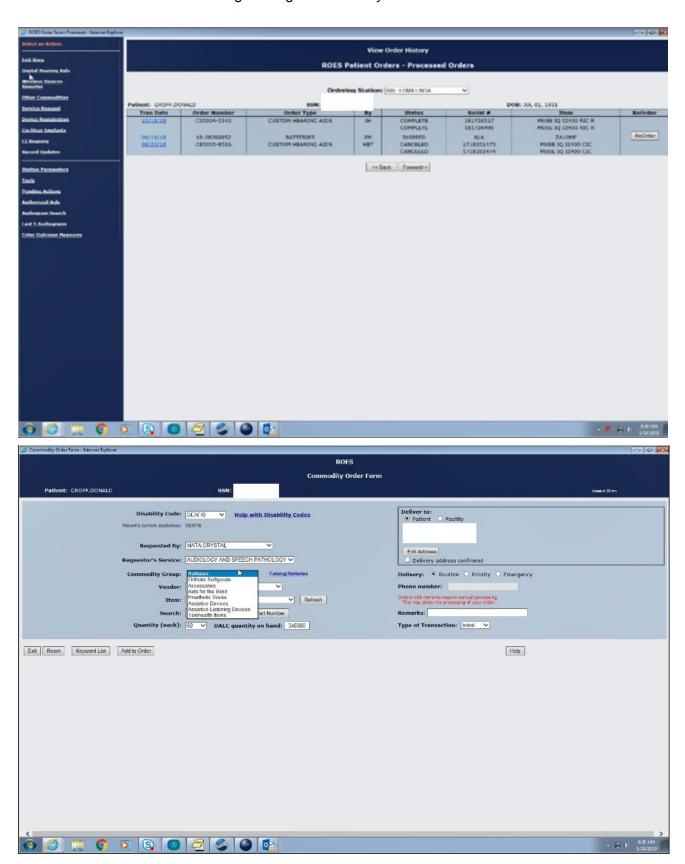
Submit



Source: https://www.va.gov/opal/docs/nac/dlc/orderingBatteriesOnline.pdf

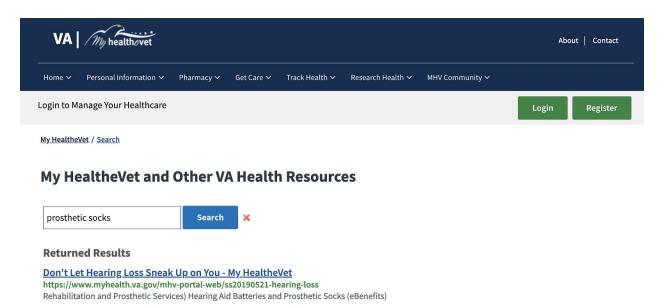
#### ROES:

Veterans and VHA Audiologists can order products and services directly through ROES. Users are able to order socks and batteries through a single Commodity Order Form.



### My HealtheVet:

Veterans can schedule appointments online, refill prescriptions, view their health records, and send Secure Messages to their team using My HealtheVet.



"Prosthetic Socks" returns one result, a page about hearing loss and getting benefits, with a link to the <u>Hearing Aid Batteries and Prosthetic Socks</u> (eBenefits) page.

Ordering excerpt from the My HealtheVet article:

https://www.myhealth.va.gov/mhv-portal-web/ss20190521-hearing-loss:

#### **Ordering options**

Eligible Veterans can order new batteries for their hearing aids through:

- Postal mail send the blue VA Form 2346 (paper only), *Request for Batteries and Accessories*, to the address provided on the form.
- Telephone call the Denver Acquisition & Logistics Center (DALC) at 303-273-6200.
- eBenefits if you have a Premium account through <u>eBenefits</u> (DS Logon required).

If you have a My HealtheVet Premium account, you can also send your VA audiologist a <u>Secure Message</u> (sign in required) requesting new batteries. Since providers have up to three days to respond, try to request batteries before your current ones run out.

## VeTEXT / VA.gov SMS system

Suggested to the VeTE team by a patient.

#### **Known Parties:**

#### Veterans:

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## Audiologists:

• Utilize ROES to create orders for their institution (?) and individual Veterans.

## Denver Logistics Center (DLC) / Denver Acquisition & Logistics Center (DALC):

DALC distributes hearing aids, accessories and batteries; prosthetic socks; aids for the visually impaired; and orthopedic items to their homes as well as providing them with hearing aid repair service.

- Customers Include:
  - Veterans
  - VA's Audiology & Speech Pathology Service
  - Prosthetic & Sensory Aids Service
  - Blind Rehabilitation Service
  - Other VA Services & Government Agencies
- Products Include:
  - Hearing aids and accessories hearing aid repairs are also available.
    - Accessories page includes note: "Please Note: You CANNOT order batteries through the My HealtheVet Web site"
  - <u>Batteries</u> Batteries predominantly used in hearing aids provided to veterans, although several battery types are available that may also be used in other battery powered devices such as artificial larynxes, assistive listening devices, and neuromuscular stimulators.
  - Prosthetic Items, <u>Socks</u> (<u>Catalogue</u>)- more than 500 prosthetic socks, and orthotic softgoods. For treatment and management of acute and chronic disabilities of the spine or abdomen, a variety of orthopedic corsets, belts, abdominal binders and supports are available.
  - Aids for the Visually Impaired such as rigid and folding mobility canes and adjustable-length support canes; braille pocket watches, wrist watches, and clocks; talking wrist watches and alarm clocks, wrist watches and clocks with highly contrasting faces; braille writers, and AM/FM/TV audio receivers.
- Point of Contact:
  - Email: <u>DALC.CSS@va.gov</u>
  - o Direct: Regina Krawiec, Veteran Services Division (303)914-5145
- Resources:
  - https://iris.custhelp.va.gov/app/answers/detail/a\_id/1309/~/what-is-the-denver-acquisition -%26-logistics-center-%28dalc%29%3F
  - https://www.prosthetics.va.gov/psas/Hearing Aids.asp
  - https://www.prosthetics.va.gov/

# Fulfillment (Octogon?):

Hello, black box, my old friend...

# Forms:

Form 2346 - Hearing Aid Batteries & Accessories (Electronic):

Department of Veterans Affairs								
REQUEST FOR HEARING AID BATTERIES & ACCESSORIES								
NOTE: If mailing this form, place in an envelope and mail to:  Department of Veterans Affairs Denver Distribution Center (905A) P.O. Box 25166 Denver CO 80225-0166		NOTE: If attaching this form to an e-mail, send to:  ddc.css@va.gov						
1. LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL		2. LAST FOUR DIGITS OF YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER	3. DATE COMPLETED (MM/DD/YYYY)					
4. HOME ADDRESS (Street No., City, State, and ZIP Code)		5. THIS ADDRESS IS:  PERMANENT  NEW  TEMPORARY						
NOTE: The Denver Distribution Center will so			aids:					
	6. HEARING AID IN	FORMATION						
a. TRADE NAME								
b. MODEL								
c. SERIAL NUMBER(S)								
d. NUMBER OF HOURS PER DAY HEARING AID(S) USED								
e. BATTERY SIZE								
f. ACCESSORIES								
7. REMARKS								

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# Form 2346 - Hearing Aid Batteries & Accessories (Printed) (pdf):

1. PRINT LAST NAME - FI	RST NAME - M	IIDDLE INITI	AL		
2. ADDRESS (Print Street	t No., City, Sta	te and Zip (	Code)		
3. CLAIM NO.	4. SOCIAL SECURITY NO.				
5. THIS ADDRESS IS -		6. DATE		TE	
PERMANENT	TEMPOR	RARY			
HEARING AID INFORMATION	REGI A	5000		SPARE AID	
TRADE NAME					
MODEL					
SERIAL NUMBER					
NO. DAYS PER WEEK AID USED					
NO. HOURS PER DAY AID USED					
BATTERY INFORMATION					
IDENTIFICATION NUMBER					
NO. OF USABLE BATTERIES ON HAND					
REMARKS		If privacy is desired, insert in envelope and mail to addressee			

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VETERAN'S REQUEST FOR HEARING AID BATTERIES



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Department of Veterans Affairs Denver Distribution Center (905A) P.O. Box 25166 Denver CO 80225-0166

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# Form 2345 - Request for Prosthetic Socks (Printed) (pdf):

PRINT LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL				SOCIAL SECURITY NO. (Last four digits)			
MAILING ADDRESS (Street, City, State and ZIP Code)			7	NEW PERMANENT TEMPORARY	DATE OF REQUEST		
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ITEM REQUESTED	RIGHT	LEFT	RIGHT	LEFT			
1. SOCK SIZE NO.					1		
MEASUREMENT WIDTH AT TOP					]		
MEASUREMENT WIDTH AT TOE							
MEASUREMENT LENGTH							
MATERIAL AND PLY							
2. SHEATH SIZE							
3. T-SHIRT, COTTON (for shoulder disarticulation), SIZE:							
VA FORM MAY 2008 VETERAN'S REQUEST FOR PROSTHETIC SOCKS							
Please print out a copy and fill out for needed items. Insert into an envelope and mail to:							
VA Denver Acquisition & Logistics Center (001AL-A2-4)							
PO Box 25166							
Denver, CO 80225-	1666						

# Question the Team has for the Medical Device Tool

1. Vets

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- 2. DLC
- 3. Audiologists
- 4. VA