The following programs are available to eligible Veterans to assist with transportation to VA medical appointments:

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<th>Veterans Transportation Service (VTS): 858-552-7572</th>
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**Veterans Transportation System (VTS)*** ambulatory and wheelchair accessible

VTS provides **FREE** round-trip transportation to and from the **VA medical center (VAMC), Mission Valley** and **Sorrento Valley Clinics**. The Veteran is picked up and dropped off at their home unless otherwise indicated below. **Appointments for transportation must be scheduled 2-10 days in advance of your medical appointment.**

**VTS serves the following areas:**

- **San Diego** (Downtown San Diego, airport, Kearny Mesa, Clairemont Mesa, Serra Mesa, the beachfront communities of Pacific Beach, Mission Beach and Ocean Beach, and National City)
  - Monday – Friday

- **Chula Vista** (We pick up at the Palomar St. Trolley station at 7:30 am and come back to the VAMC. We leave the VAMC at 1:00 pm to take the Veterans back to the trolley station).
  - Please note: Reservations still must be made by phone 2-10 days beforehand. We don’t go down to Chula Vista unless a Veteran has called and made reservations.
  - **Monday, Wednesday and Friday**

- **El Cajon** (We pick up at the west side of Sears at the Parkway Plaza mall at 7:30 am and come back to the VAMC. We leave the VAMC at 1:00 pm to take the Veterans back to the mall).
  - Please note: Reservations still must be made by phone 2-10 days beforehand. We don’t go out to the mall unless a Veteran has called and made reservations.
  - **Tuesday and Thursday**

*VTS does not serve any areas of the north county.*
Disabled American Veterans (DAV): 858-552-7470

DAV provides FREE round-trip transportation from home to the VA Medical Center and to the Mission Valley clinic for patients with medical appointments. DAV Transportation accepts ambulatory Veterans (walker, cane). They do not accept wheelchairs or gurneys. The Veteran is picked up and dropped off at their home unless otherwise indicated below. **Appointments for transportation must be scheduled at least two weeks in advance of your medical appointment.**

DAV Transportation serves the following areas:

To VA Medical Center:

- **San Diego** (all areas of San Diego)
  Monday through Friday (pick up at Veterans home between 6:30 – 7:00 am and arrive at VA Medical Center by 8:00 am, depart VA Medical Center at 2:30 pm)

- **El Centro** (picked up and dropped off at designated locations in El Centro)
  Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday (pick up at 7:00 am and appointments start at 9:30 am. Return departure from VAMC is 2:00 pm)

- **Escondido**
  Monday through Friday (pick up between 6:30 – 7:00 am and arrive at 8:00 am at VAMC. Return departure from VAMC at 12:00 noon)

- **Oceanside**
  Monday through Friday (pick up between 6:30 – 7:00 am, arrive at VAMC at 8:00 am. Return departure at 12:00 noon)

To VA Mission Valley Clinic:

- Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 2:00 pm

To VA Oceanside Clinic:

- Monday through Friday (pick up at 7:00 am with arrival at 8:00 am at the Oceanside Clinic. Return departure at 3:00 pm)

Special Mode Transportation: 858-552-7575

This program provides wheelchair and gurney van transportation to Veterans meeting administrative and clinical eligibility requirements. To see if you qualify, for more information or to schedule a ride please call the Special Mode Transportation Coordination office at the VA, Monday through Friday at the number listed above between 8:00 am and 4:00 pm. Please call from one to seven days in advance of your appointment.
Other Non-VA Transportation Services

**Metropolitan Transit Service (MTS):  619-557-4555**
Door to door service. Low cost transportation. Capable of transporting persons in manual and power wheelchairs, scooters, canes, crutches, walkers and those who are ambulatory. Advance reservations are required. For those Veterans who meet VA travel eligibility requirements, reimbursement of bus fare is available.

**North County Transit District ADA Lift Van: 760-966-6500**
This service is low cost and serves the cities of Carlsbad, Del Mar, Encinitas, Escondido, Oceanside, Solana Beach, San Marcos, Vista, Fallbrook and Valley Center. Capable of transporting those in wheelchairs, scooters, as well as those with canes, crutches and walkers. Advance reservations are required. For those Veterans who meet VA travel eligibility requirements, reimbursement of bus fare is available.

For additional transportation resources in the community, please visit [www.ridesinsight.org](http://www.ridesinsight.org)