

TBI Testing update by VA

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Nearly 25,000 veterans across the country will have the chance to be retested for traumatic brain injuries. The Department of Veterans Affairs made that announcement after it was exposed that unqualified doctors were diagnosing traumatic brain injuries. The VA launched a nationwide review, finding no evidence veterans were improperly tested. The bad news is the VA determined nearly 25,000 veterans were seen by unqualified doctors at 40 different VA facilities in 25 states. VA policy states only 4 types of highly trained specialists are allowed to diagnose TBI's, but that was not always the case. "We didn't get it right the first time. We need to get it right now. We're going back and taking a look and providing them all an opportunity to have this. It's the only fair and right thing to do," said David McLenachen, the VA's Deputy Undersecretary for Disability Assistance. Starting soon, letters will be going out to the affected vets around the country. If a misdiagnosis is determined, it could lead to retroactive benefits dating back to 2007. (<http://www.ksdk.com/news/local/va-vows-to-retest-veterans-for-brain-injuries-1/216536532>)