



In 2017, the NASA Transition Authorization Act was signed into law. Part of the provisions of this law include the "To Research, Evaluate, Assess, and Treat Astronauts Act," also referred to as the "TREAT Astronauts Act." TREAT authorizes NASA to monitor and diagnose potential conditions and treat conditions associated with spaceflight.

What you need to know about . . .

The TREAT Astronauts Act

WHAT TREAT MEANS TO FORMER ASTRONAUTS:

- A more comprehensive program of monitoring, diagnosis and treatment services to current and former astronauts.
- Potential for early detection of health conditions that may be associated with spaceflight or spaceflight training to develop a richer evidence base of occupational health data.
- Contribute to an improved understanding of the long-term impacts of spaceflight for future crews, vehicles and exploration missions.

AM I ELIGIBLE FOR COVERAGE UNDER TREAT?

YES . . .

- If you are a former United States Government **astronaut or payload specialist** who has flown in space.
- Participation is **voluntary**.

NO . . .

- Other U.S. government employees
- Commercial spaceflight astronauts who were never employed by NASA
- International partner astronauts
- Employees of a foreign government
- Private individuals or tourists



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

- Q. Does TREAT cover conditions not associated with spaceflight?
A. No, TREAT only covers treatments for conditions that NASA has determined are associated with spaceflight.
- Q. Who determines what conditions are associated with spaceflight?
A. The NASA Administrator delegates this authority to the NASA Chief Health & Medical Officer (CHMO).
- Q. Does TREAT coverage replace my health benefits plan as my primary insurance provider?
A. No, health plans typically exclude occupational conditions. TREAT covers occupational conditions when NASA is a secondary payer.
- Q. How do I access services covered through TREAT?
A. Access to services are under the JSC Flight Medicine Clinic.

For expanded FAQs go to <https://www.nasa.gov/hhp/treat-act-faqs>

For more information, visit the TREAT Astronauts Act website at www.nasa.gov/hhp/treat-act.
To access services, contact the Johnson Space Center Flight Medicine Clinic at 281-483-7999.

