

Medical Foster Home Program Criteria

Homes:

- Must be owned or rented by the caregiver and location of the home must be the caregiver's actual place of residence
- Be located, designed, equipped, and maintained to ensure a home-like environment and to provide safe care and supervision for maximum of three residents.
- Homes are limited to three residents.
- Must be inspected by VA multi-disciplinary team including the VA Fire & Safety Officer
- Meet all State and local licensure requirements and regulations
- Meet the applicable provisions of the most current edition of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Life Safety Code
- Payment: Veterans pay privately for MFH



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Medical Foster Home Program:

A “Home-Like” Environment for Those Seeking an Alternative to Nursing Home Placement

- Provides an alternative to nursing home placement through the collaboration between:
 - ◆ The Veteran and his/her family or legal representative paying for the care
 - ◆ The Medical Foster Home Caregivers providing the care
 - ◆ The Home Based Primary Care (HBPC) team providing primary health care in the homes
- An alternative for our dependent, chronically or terminally ill Veterans with limited family support who prefer a community family setting for their long term care
- A community-based living arrangement for adults who are unable to live independently because of physical or mental impairments or disabilities
- **24-hour supervision, protection, and personal care in addition to room and board with one-on-one attention provided in a family setting.**

Target Veteran Population

- Meet nursing home level of care* and prefer a non-institutional setting for long term care
- Are unable to safely live independently due to functional, cognitive and/or psychosocial impairment
- Have no suitable significant other able to provide needed monitoring, supervision and personal assistance
- Have complex medical conditions requiring care from a VA interdisciplinary home care team and accept this home care team provider
- Have care needs that can be met by the MFH and VA interdisciplinary home care team
- Are not effectively managed solely by routine clinic-based care as evidenced by one or more factors:
 - ◆ Impaired mobility due to disability or functional limitations
 - ◆ Inability to cope with clinic environment due to cognitive, physical or psychosocial impairment
 - ◆ Need for frequent coordinated interventions from multiple disciplines
 - ◆ Recurrent hospitalizations or urgent care episodes

*VA uses the array of home and community-based services as an “alternative” to nursing home care, in accordance with the authorizing statute (38 USC 1720C). The phrase “in need of a nursing home” means the interdisciplinary team has made a clinical judgment that the Veteran would, in the absence of home and community-based services, need nursing home care.

Benefits

- Meets the increasing demand for long-term care services
- Maintains the Veteran in a safe and therapeutic environment
- Provides an alternative to living alone with inadequate social support
- Provides longitudinal health care in a home setting to include end-of-life and preventative care
- Offers personalized, customized care in the community
- Offers assisted living that is affordable to the non-service connected Veteran
- Offers access to HBPC services
- Monitored care by frequent unannounced visits
- Annual inspection by VA multidisciplinary team
- Overall cost equals savings to Veteran and to taxpayers
- Benefits to caregivers
- Benefits to community



MFH offers personalized, continuous quality care in a homelike, family centered environment.