

HOW TO BECOME A MEDICAL FOSTER HOME CAREGIVER

A Medical Foster Home caregiver must:

- Fill out application (must be at least 21 years old)
- Be interviewed by the Medical Foster Home program team
- Own or rent the home in which care is given; home must be your primary residence
- Have experience giving personal care
- Provide four references
- Show financial stability
- Provide 24-hour care to Veteran
- Be able to provide the care needed
- Have a plan in case you are unable to provide the care
- Have a relief person
- Provide a home atmosphere
- Communicate with the Home-Based Primary Care team
- Follow Home-Based Primary Care team treatment plan for Veteran
- Take part in caregiver trainings
- Agree to unannounced visits by MFH team
- Provide care for no more than three persons
- Provide personal care, transportation, supervision, room and board
- Be dedicated to our nation's heroes

WHAT REQUIREMENTS MUST MY HOME MEET TO BE A VA MEDICAL FOSTER HOME?

- Owned or rented by the caregiver
- Located, designed, equipped and maintained to ensure safe care
- Meet current edition of National Fire Safety Protection Association Life Safety Codes
- Meet all federal, state and local licensure requirements and regulations
- Be inspected at the start and then every year by VA team, including the safety officer

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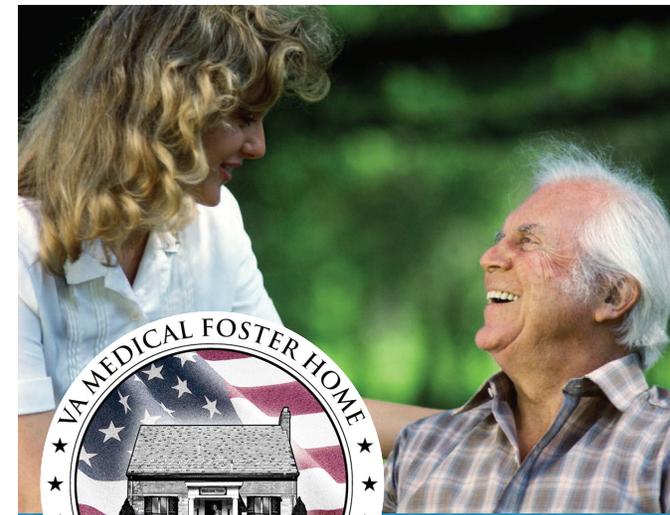
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Medical Foster Home Program

An option to long-term nursing home care

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The **MEDICAL FOSTER HOME** program allows Veterans to move into a private home to receive personal care and supervision from a dedicated caregiver. The Veteran or the Veteran's family pays the Medical Foster Home caregiver directly for the care and room and board. The VA Home-Based Primary Care (HBPC) program provides primary care services, including nurse and doctor visits, in the home. The Medical Foster Home program and the Home-Based Primary Care team work together to monitor the patient and the home.

MEDICAL FOSTER HOME PROGRAM OFFERS:

- Choice
- Private/semi-private room
- 24-hour supervision
- Long-term care and support
- Privacy and dignity
- Flexibility of daily routine
- Family setting
- Stable home
- Quality of life
- Relationships
- One-on-one attention

WHAT SERVICES WILL THE HOME-BASED PRIMARY CARE TEAM PROVIDE?

- Primary health care (including doctor and nurse home visits)
- Training in the use of special equipment and devices
- Caregiver support
- Other VA or community services as needed
- Training about home safety
- Access to home care services including social work, psychology, dietitian, rehabilitation therapist, pharmacist and recreational therapist

HOW CAN I BECOME A VA MEDICAL FOSTER HOME RESIDENT?

Enroll in the VA Home-Based Primary Care program.

To enroll for HBPC, the Veteran must:

- Require the help of another person
- Be unable to live alone due to physical or mental problems
- Have complex care needs
- Require care that cannot be managed through routine VA clinic visits
- Leave home rarely or for short periods only

- Live within the HBPC coverage area
- Agree to be in the Medical Foster Home program
- Sign a yearly agreement outlining the cost between caregiver, Veteran and/or responsible party

HOW DOES VA ENSURE THAT I RECEIVE THE CARE I NEED?

- Caregivers are screened and matched with Veterans
- Caregivers must have experience in giving personal care
- Caregivers must have a relief person
- Home is inspected before a Veteran moves in and then once a year to ensure the home meets VA standards
- Home must meet all local, state and federal requirements
- Unannounced visits are made by the Medical Foster Home team
- Caregivers receive ongoing education and training

WHO PAYS FOR A MEDICAL FOSTER HOME?

Veteran uses own funds (pension, Social Security, etc.) to pay caregiver. Cost per month is dependent upon the care needs and income of the Veteran.