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VA - Health Care - Nursing Home Care

Program Description

Nursing home care can be provided in VA or private nursing homes for veterans who are in need of care, but are not acutely ill and not in need of hospital care.

Priority is given to veterans with service-connected disabilities. If space and resources are available, other veterans may be considered.

Veterans who do not have service-connected disabilities for which they're entitled to compensation must agree to make a co-payment. They furnish a financial statement, and VA establishes a co-payment based on that information.

General Program Requirements

To be eligible for nursing home care, you must be enrolled in the VA health care system or be eligible for VA health care without the need to enroll.

Nursing Home Care is a regular, covered benefit for these two groups:

Veterans rated 70 percent service-connected or greater

Veterans who need nursing home care for their service-connected disabilities

Even if you are not a member of one of these groups, you may be found eligible for Nursing Home Care if space and resources are available.

To see if you may be eligible for VA health care enrollment, please visit <http://www.va.gov/healthbenefits/apply/>.

Your Next Steps

The following information will lead you to the next steps to apply for this benefit.

Application Process

For more information, see the Program Contact Information below.

Program Contact Information

For more information please visit: <http://www.va.gov/healthbenefits/access/geriatrics.asp>
or: <http://www.va.gov/geriatricsshg>

You can also e-mail us at: Seniors@mail.va.gov