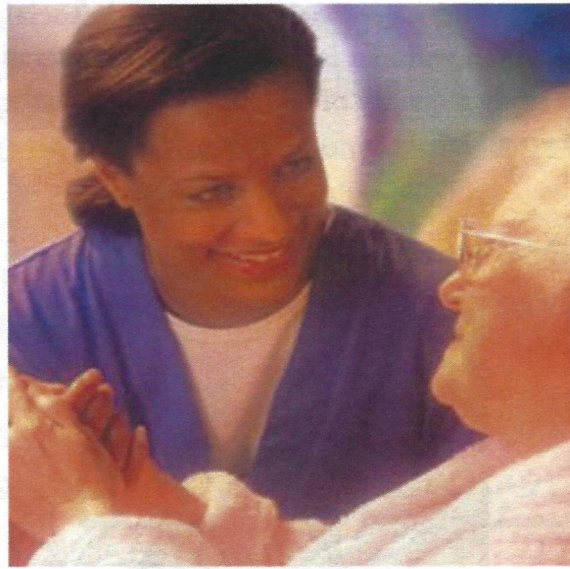


Medical Foster Home Program

Where Heroes meet Angels



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Medical Foster Home Overview

The South Texas Veterans Health Care System's Medical Foster Home (MFH) program provides safe and supportive home care to eligible Veterans. This program is an alternate to nursing home care for Veterans who are unable to live independently or do not have an adequate caregiver to manage their care needs.

Medical Foster Home is a unique partnership between adult foster care providers and the VA Home Care Team. This program assists in providing long-term care in a home setting.

Providers have the opportunity to offer a needed service to our country's heroes. Most importantly, they have the opportunity to enhance their family structure with a hero, who has sacrificed for our freedom.

The Veteran gains the opportunity to live in a home and have personal care as well as social interaction within a family. Here, the Veteran can enjoy a quality of life that was previously not possible.



Medical Foster Home Criteria

- Must be owned or rented by the caregiver.
- MFH caregiver lives in home and provides 24-hour supervision and support.
- Must be located, designed, equipped and maintained to be home-like.
- Must provide safe care for all Veterans.
- Medical Foster Home inspections are conducted by VA staff.
- Must meet all state and local licensure requirements including construction, fire, maintenance, and sanitation regulations.
- Must meet the applicable provisions of the most current edition of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Life Safety Code, Standard.

The Home-Based Primary Care (HBPC) Team Provides:

- Medical /Nursing Care
- Nutritional Counseling
- Social Work / Psychology Services
- Rehabilitation / Recreation Services

Caregivers

- Complete an application and participate in an interview with the MFH Program Coordinator.
- Be financially stable, and at least 21 years of age.
- Have formal or informal knowledge on patient care.
- Provide a written backup plan if they become unable to provide care or need respite.
- Be able to discuss with the HBPC health care team any changes in the patient's normal appearance, behavior or state of health and be willing to accept, participate in and follow the Veteran's treatment plan.
- Ensure home is friendly and safe.
- Provide the following:
 - personalized, adequately furnished room
 - home-cooked nutritious meals
 - Laundry
 - transportation
 - 24-hour care and support
- Come to a financial agreement with the Veteran that will be overseen by VA.
- Receive payment from Veteran for room, board, meals and assistance.
- Accept no more than three (3) residents in the MFH Program.



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Benefits of Medical Foster Home Program

- Veteran lives in a safe place.
- HBPC-MFH Team provides health care in a home setting.
- Can also include end-of-life care.
- Offers personal and custom care in the community.
- Offers access to Home Based Primary Care (HBPC) services.



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