

# Appendices

**Medical Care  
Appropriation & Medical Consumer Price Index**

**FISCAL YEARS 1980 - 1995**

MEDICAL CARE APPROPRIATION AND MEDICAL CONSUMER PRICE INDEX  
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FISCAL YEAR	ACTUAL APPROPRIATION (\$ 000)	MEDICAL CPI-U	MED.CPI-U ADJUSTED APPROP.1/	UNIQUE INDIVIDUALS <u>2/</u>	INPATIENT EPISODES 3/	OUTPAT. VISITS	TOTAL EPISODES	FTE	NUMBER OF FACILITIES			
									HOSP 5/	NURSING	DOM	OP. CLINICS
1980	5,832,039	10.73%	5,832,039		1,159,028	18,204,000	19,363,028	185,698	172	92	16	227
1981	6,339,396	10.33%	6,434,489		1,159,287	18,165,000	19,324,287	184,865	172	96	16	226
1982	7,101,028	11.89%	7,199,550		1,159,317	18,202,000	19,361,317	186,836	172	98	16	226
1983	7,773,254	9.78%	7,903,666		1,199,434	18,754,000	19,953,434	188,713	172	99	16	226
1984	8,244,414	6.37%	8,407,130		1,207,690	18,836,000	20,043,690	190,463	172	105	16	226
1985	8,971,169	6.11%	8,920,806		1,224,010	19,831,000	21,055,010	193,828	172	115	16	226
1986	9,130,137	7.25%	9,567,564		1,248,010	20,437,000	21,685,010	194,453	172	117	16	229
1987	9,728,303	7.05%	10,242,077		1,247,595	21,890,000	23,137,595	194,459	172	117	17	228
1988	10,151,387	6.34%	10,891,425		1,263,235	23,232,000	24,495,235	193,798	172	119	26	233
1989	10,887,671	7.22%	11,677,786	2,690,194	1,186,840	22,643,000	23,829,840	191,801	172	122	28	339
1990	11,436,306	8.84%	12,710,102	2,654,512	1,148,652	22,602,000	23,750,652	193,821	172	126	32	339
1991	12,335,330	9.11%	13,867,992	2,645,860	1,105,576	23,039,000	24,144,576	196,103	172	127	35	341
1992	13,625,685	7.67%	14,931,667	2,726,899	1,085,126	24,195,000	25,280,126	199,811	171	129	35	362
1993	14,642,723	6.29%	15,870,869	2,764,858	1,075,111	24,406,000	25,481,111	204,527	172	128	37	354
1994	15,640,150	4.95%	16,656,477	2,793,920	1,066,534	25,442,000	26,508,534	203,884	172	128	37	366
1995	16,214,684	5.00%	17,489,301	2,822,584	1,061,741	25,900,000	26,961,741	200,987	173	133	39	376
Change				<u>4/</u>								
'80 to '95	\$10,382,645		\$11,657,262	132,390	(97,287)	7,696,000	7,598,713	15,289	1	41	23	149

1/ This column starts with a 1980 appropriation base and adds the annual Medical CPI percentage increase to it for each fiscal year.

2/ Validated data prior to 1989 not available.

3/ This includes both acute and long term care discharges plus those inpatients remaining in the VAMC at the end of the fiscal year (end of year census); Some patients are admitted more than once in the fiscal year.

4/ The change in unique individuals is for 1989 to 1995.

5/ The numbers in this column are derived from prior year budget documents. Please see footnote 2, page 12.

The Medical Care appropriation for the years 1981 to 1995 is short \$10.5 billion from an appropriation for this period adjusted by the Bureau of Labor Statistics Medical Consumer Price Index (MCPI). In 1995 alone, the shortfall is \$1.27 billion. Also, since 1980 there have been significant VA program expansions. That is, new programs have been added or expanded such as PTSD, Persian Gulf services, Ionizing radiation, Agent Orange and other health services that are unique to veterans. In addition, new installations have been constructed and activated including hospitals, nursing homes, domiciliaries and outpatient clinics. The chart provides some indicators of program growth as measured by increases in the number of individual veterans receiving VA health care, staffing, and episodes of care (outpatient and in total reflecting a shift from inpatient to ambulatory care).