

VA Medical Foster Home Checklist

Are you interested in becoming a Medical Foster Home (MFH) Caregiver? Review the checklist below for more information, then reach out to your local MFH Coordinator.

Caregivers

Complete an application and participate in an interview with the Medical Foster Home Program Coordinator and other staff as needed.

- I am at least 21 years of age
- I can demonstrate financial stability
- I have formal or informal caregiving experience
- I can ensure a congenial and homelike atmosphere
- I am willing to provide direct care to Veterans with high level care needs – with education and support from Home Based Primary Care (HBPC) providers
- I am able to ensure that an approved relief caregiver or myself will be present and available at all times to respond to Veterans' needs
- I am physically able to provide 24/7 care and supervision, with occasional support from approved Relief Caregivers
- I am able to communicate any significant changes in the Veterans' normal appearance, behavior or state of health and well-being to the HBPC health care team and am willing to accept, participate and follow the Veteran's treatment plan
- I agree to complete a criminal background check and provide at least 3 personal and work-related references
- I agree to unannounced visits to the home by the MFH Coordinator to ensure the health and safety of Veterans living in the home is consistent with VA standards

Homes

- I own or rent the home I live in
- I agree to live in the MFH and it will be my primary residence
- The home is located, designed, equipped and maintained to ensure a home-like environment and provide safe care and supervision for all residents
- There is space to care for 1 to 3 Veterans, with separate bedrooms
- I agree to have the home inspected by a VA multidisciplinary team including a Safety Officer, Nurse, MFH Coordinator, Dietitian, and Rehabilitation Therapist
- The home and Caregiver must comply with all state and local licensure requirements and regulations, including construction, fire, maintenance and sanitation
- Meet the applicable provisions of the most current edition of the national Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Life Safety Code, which includes evacuating all residents within 3 minutes in a fire drill
- The home is located within the service area of a VA HBPC team