

*“To care for him who
shall have borne the
battle, and for his
widow and his orphan.”*

Abraham Lincoln, 1865

Our Mission

To care for those who
have “borne the battle”
and for their families
and survivors.

The President's 2018 Budget

\$186.5 billion

3.6% increase in total funding

7.1% increase in discretionary VHA funding to improve access

6% increase for mental health

7.1% increase for women-specific healthcare

9.1% increase for the HUD-VASH housing program

No to Privatization, Yes to Veterans' Choices

Medical Services vs. Community Care:

- **5.7% increase** in Medical Services (\$2.7 billion of \$50 billion)
- **8.3% increase** for Community Care (\$0.965 billion of \$12.6 billion)

In total dollars:

The Medical Services increase is **three times** the Community Care increase,
counting all funding sources

(direct appropriations, carryover, transfers, collections, and reimbursements)

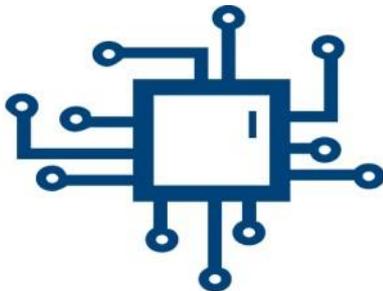
13 Risks

1. Access to Care
2. Paying Providers
3. Community Care
4. Quality of VA Care
5. Disability Claims & Appeals
6. Information Technology
7. Capital Assets
8. Construction
9. Accountability
10. Staffing
11. Bureaucracy
12. Fraud, Waste & Abuse
13. Veteran Suicides

The Secretary's 5 Priorities



Greater Choice



Modernize Systems



Focus Resources



Improve Timeliness



Suicide Prevention

1. Greater Choice: We Are Listening

Community Care challenges identified by our stakeholders

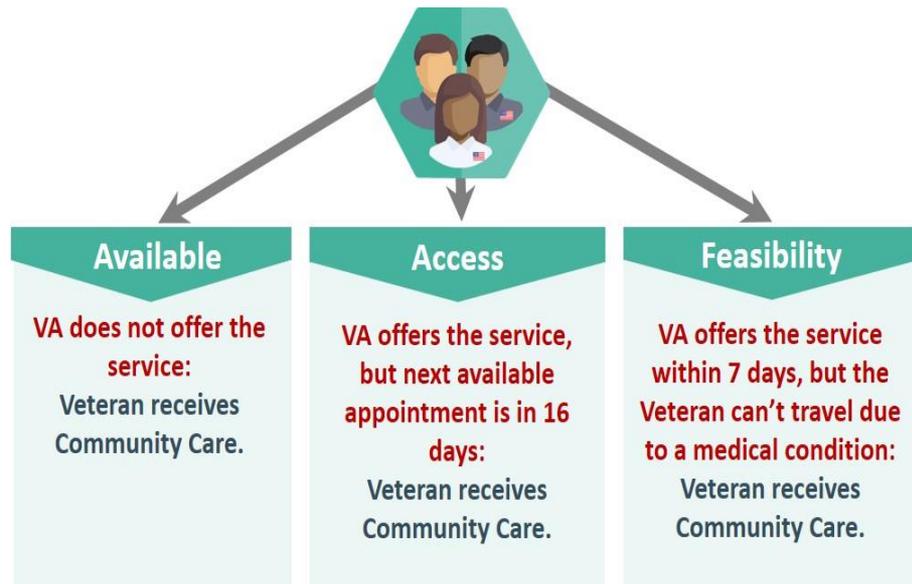
Today

- 1 Administrative Eligibility Criteria
- 2 Excessive Bureaucracy and Confusion
- 3 Minimal Care Coordination
- 4 Lack of Timely Payments and Outdated Processes

Tomorrow

- Clinical Eligibility Criteria
- Single, Easy to Use Program with More Choice
- Robust Care Coordination
- Timely Payments and Contemporary Processes

Veteran CARE Program



Clinically based decisions on when and where Veterans receive care, always involving the Veteran and their provider.

How Do Veterans Benefit?

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Improved care coordination & consistent point of contact

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Access to best in class VA and community providers

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Seamless health information exchange between providers

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Transparency on VA and community provider performance

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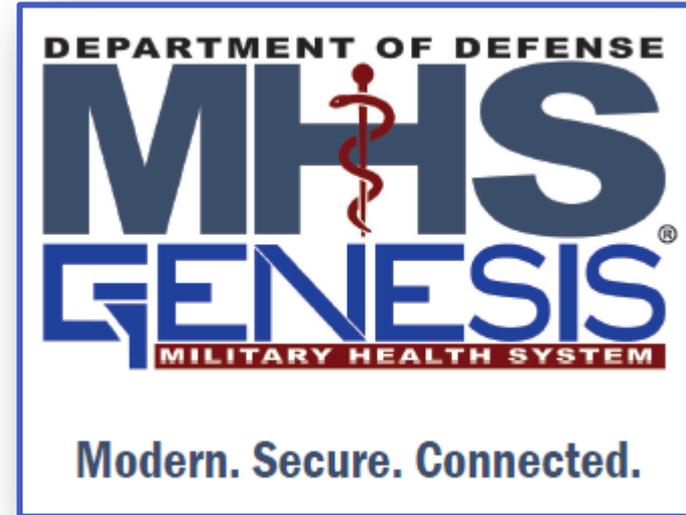
Robust network of convenient care clinics

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New tools to easily schedule with VA and community providers

2. Modernize Our Systems

- EMR interoperability and IT modernization
- Infrastructure improvements and streamlining services



3. Improve Timeliness of Services

- **Access to care and wait times**
- **Decisions on appeals**
- **Performance on disability claims**

4. Focus Resources More Efficiently

- **Strengthening of foundational services**
- **VA/DOD/Community coordination**
- **Deliver on accountability and effective management practices**

5. Suicide Prevention



For Those Who've Borne the Battle

**There are things we all
agree on.**

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