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## VA Loma Linda Healthcare System Opens Hemet VA Clinic



**LOMA LINDA, Calif.** — VA Loma Linda Healthcare System's (VALLHS) Hemet VA Community-Based Outpatient Clinic (CBOC), located at 720 E. Latham Ave., Hemet, California 92543, is scheduled to open on March 18.

In addition to Primary Care, the 7,856 square foot clinic will also offer the following services: Mental Health, Optometry, Social Work, Tele-Primary Care, Tele-Dermatology and Tele-Retinal Screening with plans to expand additional services in the future. Clinic hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday. Eligibility and enrollment services will be on-site to answer questions and assist Veterans to enroll in VA Healthcare.

The VA-staffed clinic in Hemet will increase access to quality healthcare and support services for thousands of Veterans, their families, and caregivers.

"We are proud to announce the opening of our community-based outpatient clinic in Hemet, representing a significant shift in our approach to healthcare delivery for Veterans in the Inland Empire," said Karandeep Sraon, VA Loma Linda Medical Center Director. "Unlike our existing contractor supported clinics, this new facility will be staffed by VA employees, dedicated to ensuring that our Veterans benefit from the expertise and commitment of our own team. By directly managing this clinic, we are reaffirming

our commitment to provide the highest quality care and services to those who have served our nation."

Veterans currently enrolled at VALLHS who want to receive care at the Hemet CBOC can call (909) 825-7084 and press 2 between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Enrollees receiving care in the community may be contacted by a member of our team to arrange care at the Hemet CBOC. Veterans not yet enrolled in VA healthcare can walk in to complete the Eligibility and Enrollment process at the Hemet CBOC, or at any VA Loma Linda facility. Visit <a href="How To Apply For VA Health Care">How To Apply For VA Health Care</a> | Veterans Affairs to learn more, or call 877-222-8387 between the hours of 5 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday to get help with your application.

A grand opening ceremony is being planned in the near future.

VA Loma Linda Healthcare System is honored to provide healthcare and support services for Veterans across the Inland Empire. To learn more, visit <a href="https://www.va.gov/loma-linda-health-care/">https://www.va.gov/loma-linda-health-care/</a>.

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