Residential Settings and Nursing Homes

Paying for Services

This is based on:

- Your need for ongoing care
- Your need for personal care and help
- Your service-connected status

Other factors may apply, such as:

- Your financial eligibility
- Insurance coverage
- Your ability to pay
- Any co-pay you may have to pay

You may be able to pay for long term care services and supports using:

- VA Benefits
- Medicare
- Medicaid
- Personal Funds or Insurance

Talk with your social worker to learn more.

Making Decisions and Advance Care Planning

VA offers a Veteran Decision Aid for Care at Home and in the Community as well as a Caregiver Self-Assessment, which you can get from a social worker or download from www.va.gov/Geriatrics, help you think about your needs and what matters to you.

They also help you involve others in making decisions, such as your spouse, family member, doctor, social worker, or other health care team members.

The advance care planning process is where you think about your values and wishes for your health care at a future time, if you are no longer able to make choices for yourself. Once you decide what you want, it involves filling out paperwork. The VA advance directive form is honored in all states. Ask your VA social worker for the form.
VA Residential Settings

Community Residential Care (CRC) is a VA program for Veterans who do not need hospital or nursing home care, but cannot live alone because of medical or psychiatric conditions, and who have no family to provide care.

This type of care takes place in Assisted Living facilities, Personal Care Homes, Family Care Homes, Group Living Homes, and Psychiatric Community Residential Care Homes. This is a private-pay option.

In each of the above settings, the CRC program provides round-the-clock supervised living along with meals, recreational activities, assistance with activities of daily living, such as getting dressed, and transportation arrangements.

A CRC case manager visits you monthly to answer questions or concerns.

Medical Foster Homes (MFH) are in private homes and can provide an alternative to a long-stay nursing home. The MFH caregiver provides 24-hour supervision and personal assistance.

This type of care may be an option for you if your medical condition makes it impossible for you to live alone. Home Based Primary Care, Spinal Cord Injury-Home Care, and Mental Health Intensive Case Management programs provide additional services to you in the MFH. This is a private-pay option.

Non-VA Residential Settings

Adult Family Homes have a trained caregiver on duty 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to help you with activities such as bathing and getting dressed.

You live in a room that is private or shared and you share common spaces with others in the home. This is a private-pay option.
**Assisted Living Facilities** are like Adult Family Homes except that your room is in a larger building that is not a private home. This is a private-pay option.

**Nursing Homes**

**Community Living Centers (CLCs or VA Nursing Homes)** provide nursing home level of care 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, in a setting that looks as much as it can like a home.

You may need CLC services for a brief time or, in rare cases, for the rest of your life. The aim is to restore your highest level of well-being, prevent declines in health, and provide comfort at the end of life. Eligibility for this program is based on medical need and service-connected status.

**Community Nursing Homes** provide skilled nursing care 24 hours a day, 7 days a week near your home and family. These non-VA nursing homes are an option in many places where a VA Community Living Center may not be available. Eligibility for this program is based on medical need and service-connected status.

**State Veterans Homes** provide a mix of nursing home care, domiciliary care or adult day health care. Some State Veterans Homes can provide care for you and your spouse, and other family members.

They are in all 50 states and Puerto Rico. For a list of locations, visit [www.nasvh.org](http://www.nasvh.org) (National Association of State Veterans Homes).

State Veterans homes are owned, operated, and managed by state governments, and each state has its own rules about which Veterans or Veteran’s family members are eligible for services.

**To Learn More** – Talk with your VA social worker or care manager.