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# News Release

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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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### **VA Black Hills Health Care System Announces Medical Foster Home Program**

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Black Hills Health Care System is pleased to announce a new dynamic alternative to long-term care – the VA Medical Foster Home Program.

When living at home becomes difficult, most Veterans would rather remain in a home-like setting than move to a nursing home. At times like this, VA Black Hills Health Care System Medical Foster Home (MFH) program is here to help.

Medical Foster Home, in partnership with Home Based Primary Care (HBPC) provides an alternative to nursing home placement. It assists our Veterans who are no longer able to remain safely at home alone and have limited social support by offering a home and family setting for their long term care needs.

The benefits of the Medical Foster Home Program include; the ability to offer the Veteran a safe/therapeutic environment, provide an alternative to living alone, provide long term care in the home, offer personal care in a home setting, and provide support through partnering with HBPC.

The Medical Foster Home Environment provide private/semi-private rooms, a caring relationship within the home, 24 hours supervision, choices, flexibility in daily routine, stable, permanent and safe home setting, pets (optional), home-like living, three meals/snacks daily, socialization, recreation, personal care, medication management and other care support as needed.

If you are interested in learning more about VA Black Hills Health Care System's Medical Foster Home Program please contact Michelle Hough at 605.720.7328 or visit our website at [www.blackhills.va.gov](http://www.blackhills.va.gov).

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