

MEDICAL FOSTER HOME ENVIRONMENT

- Private/semi-private rooms
- Caring relationship within the home
- 24 hours supervision
- Choice
- Flexibility in daily routine
- Stable, permanent and safe home setting
- Pets (optional)
- Home-like living
- Three meals/snacks daily
- Socialization and recreation
- Personal care
- Medication management
- Other care support as needed



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When living at home becomes difficult, most people would rather remain in a home-like setting than move to a nursing home. In moments like this, the VA Medical Foster Home (MFH) program is here to help.



Medical Foster Home (MFH), through partnering with Home Based Primary Care provides an alternative to nursing home

placement. It provides an alternative to a Veteran who may be chronically or terminally ill with limited social support by offering a home and family setting for their long term care needs.

THE BENEFITS

- Maintain the Veteran in a safe /therapeutic environment
- Provides an alternative to living alone
- Provides long term care in the home to include end-of-life care
- Offers personal care in a home setting
- Provides support through partnering with Home Based Primary Care (HBPC)



CAREGIVER REQUIREMENTS

- Complete an application and interview with the Medical Foster Home Coordinator and other staff as needed, be financially stable, and at least 21 years of age
- Have formal or informal experience on patient care
- Recommend obtaining criminal background check through the FBI
- Provide 3 personal references
- Be physically able to provide needed care
- Have written back-up plan to include relief persons when caregiver is unable to provide care
- Willingness to communicate with HBPC team any significant changes in the Veteran's normal appearance, behavior or health
- Be willing to accept, participate in, and follow Veteran's treatment plan
- Ensure a friendly and caring atmosphere within the home



HOME REQUIREMENTS

- Must be owned or rented by the caregiver and be the caregiver's actual place of residence
- Be located, designed, equipped, and maintained to provide a warm, home-like environment with safe care and supervision for all residents
- Must be inspected by HBPC team and VA Fire/Safety personnel
- Meet the applicable provisions of the National Fire Protection Association Life Safety codes
- Be within a 60 mile radius of Fort Meade or within a 70 mile radius of Hot Springs.
- Smoke detectors and alarms are connected to a remote supervising station to notify emergency services in the event of an alarm.

