

InnoVative MFH Benefits

- ◆ Personal care in a private home for Veterans with chronic disabling conditions who otherwise might need nursing home care.
- ◆ Maintains Veterans in a safe, home-like environment, improving the quality of life.
- ◆ Provides an alternative to living alone with inadequate social support.
- ◆ Gives Veterans the option to remain in a family setting.
- ◆ Provides health care in a home setting using the VA Home Based Primary Care team.
- ◆ Meets the increasing demand for affordable, quality, long-term care.
- ◆ Support given to the MFH caregiver to guard against stress and burnout.



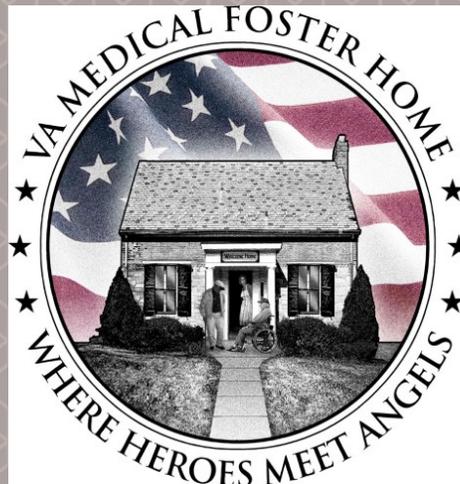
Medical Foster Home

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VETERAN AFFAIRS
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MEDICAL FOSTER HOME

in Your Community
in Your Home



THE MEDICAL FOSTER HOME

IS AVAILABLE THROUGH

VA BLACK HILLS HEALTH CARE SYSTEM

Since 2008 the Veterans Administration (VA) has been developing Medical Foster Home (MFH) programs for Veterans who are unable to live alone. There are currently 726 MFH across the United States.

Quality and safety are paramount as outlined below.

- ❖ Caregivers are carefully selected.
- ❖ Frequent home visits are made.
- ❖ Education on care issues is provided to caregivers by VA staff.
- ❖ Policies are written to guide program development.
- ❖ Agreements are signed between MFH



HOMES must:

- ❖ be owned or rented by the caregiver and be the caregiver's place of residence
- ❖ be maintained in a home-like environment that provides safe care and supervision for all residents
- ❖ be inspected by a multidisciplinary Home Based Primary team that includes a safety officer
- ❖ comply with all state and local licensure requirements and regulations, including construction, fire, maintenance, and sanitation
- ❖ meet applicable provisions of the most current fire protection Assoc. Life Safety Code.

CAREGIVERS must:

- ❖ complete an application and be interviewed by the MFH coordinator and other HBPC staff
- ❖ be financially stable and at least 21 years of age
- ❖ have formal or informal patient care experience
- ❖ be physically able to provide care with a written plan for a backup relief person and/or emergency situation
- ❖ agree to communicate with Veteran's health care team any significant changes in the Veteran's condition and have the ability to follow treatment plans.
- ❖ ensure a congenial and homelike atmosphere within the home.

April 2017 Statistics:

726 Medical Foster Homes

1,069 Veteran Residents

124 MFH Programs Nationally



ENVIRONMENT of MFH

- ❖ Private or semi-private rooms
- ❖ Furnished or unfurnished rooms
- ❖ 24-hour supervision
- ❖ Permanent home
- ❖ Flexibility in daily routine
- ❖ Social activities
- ❖ Safeguards against abuse
- ❖ No more than three residents receiving care in a home
- ❖ Tasty, nutritious meals