

Medical Foster Homes offer a dynamic alternative to long-term care.

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

MFH is a voluntary care option that assists in matching Veterans with approved MFH Caregivers to provide the care the Veterans need in a family home with appropriate oversight and care provided by the VA MFH and Home Based Primary Care teams.



Who can be a VA Medical Foster Home Caregiver?

Caregivers must:

- Own or rent the home and live there full time.
- Be at least 18 years of age.
- Have caregiver experience (formal or informal).
- Complete the VA application and inspection process for the MFH program, including a criminal background check and references.
- Participate in on-going caregiver training.
- Provide compassionate care for no more than three residents.
- Have a written crisis and respite/relief caregiver plan.
- Follow the Veterans treatment plan, working closely with Home Based Primary Care.

If you are interested in the VA MFH Program as a resident or a caregiver, please call your local MFH Coordinator. If you are a Veteran, you may also ask your Primary Care Provider to send a consult for MFH.

Medical Foster Homes Provide

- A safe and family home setting
- Supervised care
- Private/Semi-private rooms
- Flexibility and choice
- Three meals/snacks daily
- Personal care
- Medication management/reminders

Who is Eligible for a Medical Foster Home

Veterans enrolled with the VA Health Care System and have care needs that can no longer be met in their homes, may be eligible.

Care needs may include:

- Assistance with activities of daily living, i.e., eating, bathing, dressing, etc.
- Medication management
- Laundry and meal prep
- Social and recreational activities

The Veteran is responsible for the cost of the MFH. The cost may be paid using a combination of private income, Social Security, savings, VA Pension, Aid & Attendance, or VA pay based on disability rating eligibility requirements.

The Veteran and caregiver will sign a private care agreement that outlines the care needed, the rate, expectations of the caregiver and Veterans rights.