

Help and Support

A Care Advisor from the Area Agency on Aging will work with Veterans to identify care needs and assist in developing a spending plan for needed services. Annual budgets/ spending plans must be approved by VA VDC Program Coordinator before funds can be spent.

A Financial Management Service (FMS) will assist Veteran with paperwork, paying workers, and Veteran's taxes.

An authorized representative can be appointed to assist Veterans with making decisions.



Interested in Evaluation for VDC Program?
Contact your VA PACT Social Worker to request additional information.

The VA Interdisciplinary Team will determine clinical eligibility for Veteran Directed Care.

Enrolling in Veteran Directed Care does exempt Veterans from traditional Home and Community Based Care Programs including Home Health Aide, In-Home Respite, and Adult Day Healthcare as these would be included in the Veteran Directed Care budget.

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Veteran Directed Care Program

A Self-Directed Home Care Support Program for Veterans

A collaboration of the Louis Stokes Cleveland VA Medical Center and the Area Agency on Aging.

Veteran Directed Care (VDC)

With VDC, the Veteran is responsible for directing his/her own personal care services including:

- What services are needed
- When services will be provided
- Where services will be provided
- Who will provide services

Eligible Veterans are approved for an annual budget that can be used to purchase services to help the Veteran avoid nursing home placement.



Who is Eligible for VDC?

Veterans with:

- Complex, chronic medical needs
- Personal care needs and are at risk for nursing home placement
- Interested in directing their own care
- Barriers to traditional home health aide services
- Must be active with VA Primary Care



Services Provided

- Personal care tasks
- Meals or other home delivery services
- Respite Care
- Care Coordination
- Goods and Services to improve safety in the home
- Case Management

The Area Agency on Aging will assist with development of a Spending Plan within the Veteran's budget to utilize program services.