

# VA Medical Foster Home



## A Dynamic Alternative to Long-Term Care

Medical Foster Home is a community-based living arrangement for adults who are unable to live independently due to physical or cognitive impairment. It provides an alternative to nursing home placement while still providing nursing home level of care. This program is designed for dependent, chronically or terminally ill Veterans who prefer a community family setting for their long term care.

## Medical Foster Home Environment

- Private/Semi-Private Rooms
- 24-Hour Supervision
- Flexibility in Daily Routine
- Safeguards against abuse
- Pets (varies, depending on Caregiver)
- Monthly cost paid by Veteran
- Cost based on Veteran's level of care needs
- Assistance with applying for additional benefits as appropriate
- Monitoring of home/caregiver by VA staff for compliance with expectations

## Medical Foster Home Program Benefits

- Maintains Veteran in a safe and therapeutic environment
- Provides an alternative to living alone
- Offers personalized and customized care
- Offers assisted living that is affordable
- Meets the increasing demand for long-term care services
- Medical Care provided by the VA's Home Based Primary Care Team (HBPC): Nurse Practitioner, Registered Nurse, Social Worker, Psychologist, Dietitian, Physical / Occupational Therapist, Recreational Therapist

## Caregiver and Home Criteria

- Caregiver must be financially stable, at least 21 years old and reside in the home as primary residence
- Caregiver must have previous care experience, background clearance and medical clearance
- Caregiver must have at least one reliable back-up caregiver
- Home must provide a comfortable, safe environment for Veteran
- Home must pass an initial and annual inspection
- Home must be within 35 miles of the Columbus VA or CBOC

## For More information

[www.columbus.va.gov/services/medical\\_foster\\_home](http://www.columbus.va.gov/services/medical_foster_home)  
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