

VA SCI/D SPOTLIGHT

- There are +17,000 veterans with Spinal Cord Injury/ Disorder (SCI/D) in the VA Health Care system.
- VA SCI/D Care Centers require medical staff specialized in SCI/D care – a main reason why paralyzed veterans and their caregivers choose the VA Health Care system.
- PVA is the **ONLY** veterans service organization that evaluates care throughout the VA Health Care system. Every year we visit all SCI/D Centers and collaborate with the VA to make a great health care system even better...



30

SCI/D Centers evaluated by PVA in 2019: 6 Long-Term & 24 Acute Care Centers

Human Resources' hiring delays across the VA Health Care system are a rampant problem

Typically it will take SCI/D Centers 6-12 months to recruit an employee

A lack of custodial staff results in unclean rooms and takes nurses away from providing bedside care



ONLY 175

SCI/D Long-Term Care beds available across the VA Health Care system and most are occupied



ONLY 1

SCI/D Long-Term Care Center west of the Mississippi River

SCI/D Long-Term Care Centers have chronic wait lists of veterans for admission



Veterans with SCI/D who need long-term care are at higher risk of acquiring bed sores & infections like pneumonia if they stay at community nursing homes rather than VA SCI/D Long-Term Care Centers



Staff shortages across the VA Health Care system result in veterans often having to bring in their own cleaning supplies