





Update On VA Long-Term Care Programs and Construction

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Webinar Process



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Welcome



PVA National President
Charles Brown





Introductions and Overview



- Roscoe Butler, PVA Associate Legislative Director
- Doug Woodard, PVA Associate Director of Field Services for Training
- Morgan Brown, PVA National Legislative Director
- Mark Lichter, PVA Director of Architecture
- Q&A and Wrap Up



PCAFC Updates



VA's Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers (PCAFC)

**Caregiver
Support**

855-260-3274



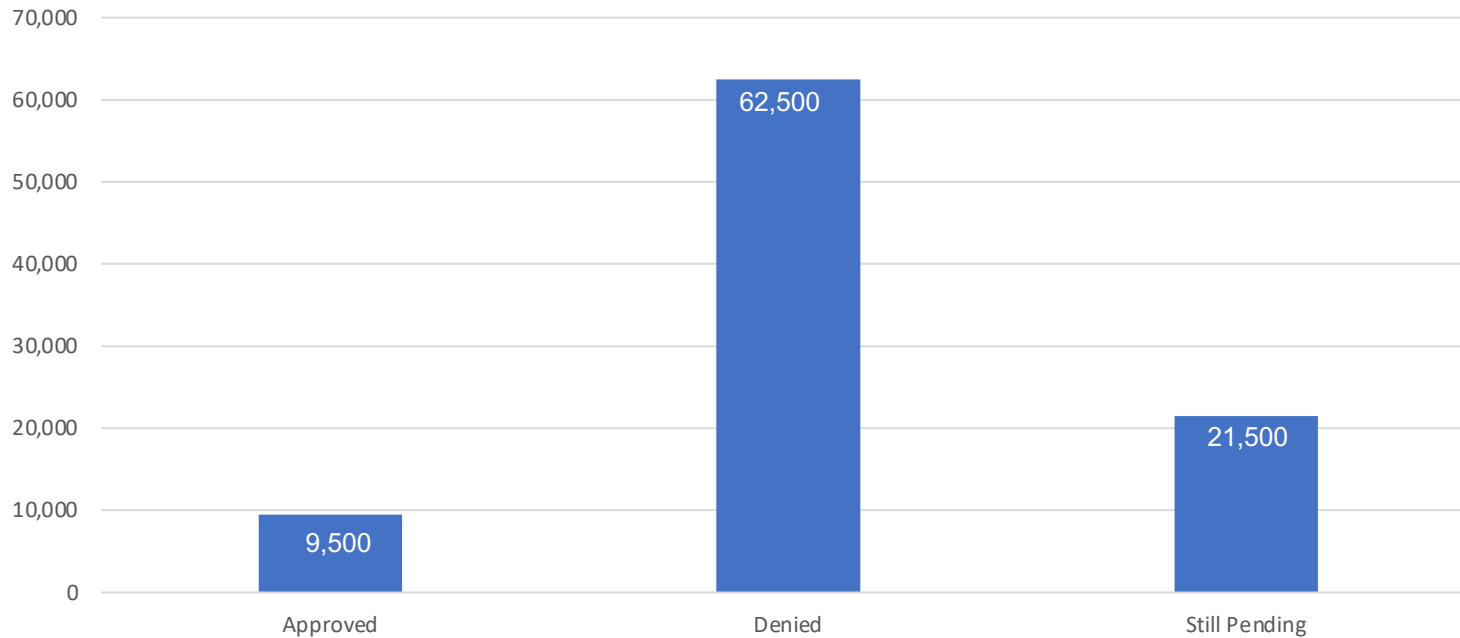


Applications Received



Between October 1, 2020, and July 7, 2021, VA reported receiving over 91,000 applications.

Caregiver Expansion Updates





Top Reasons for Denial



- Veteran did not have a service-connected disability rating of 70 percent or greater.
- Veteran's serious injury was not incurred or aggravated in the line of duty on or before May 7, 1975, or on or after September 11, 2001.
- Veteran is not receiving care at home and will not be even if a family caregiver is designated.



What is the VDC?



- The Veteran Directed Care (VDC) program is designed to allow veterans who are potential candidates for nursing homes to receive that level of care in their homes, their caregivers' homes, or in non-supportive, independent living communities (not assisted living residences).
- VDC is for veterans who need personal care services and help with activities of daily living, such as bathing, dressing, or fixing meals. This program is also for veterans who are isolated, or their caregiver is experiencing burden.
- If a veteran is eligible for community care, meets the clinical criteria for the service, and is enrolled in the VA health care system, they are eligible for VDC. However, services may vary by location.



How Does the VDC Work?



- Veterans are given a budget for services that is managed by the veteran or the veteran's representative.
- With the help of a counselor, veterans hire their own workers to meet their daily needs to help them live at home or in their community.
- In some cases, veterans' family members can be paid for the care they provide.



Where is the VDC Available?



- There are 69 VA Medical Centers that have a VDC program at their facilities.
- There are 4,900 veterans enrolled in the program.
- VDC is not available at every VA Medical Center.

Things Veterans Should Know



VA Construction: LTC SCI/D





Current VA Long-Term Care Availability & Future Prospects



SCI/D Long-Term Care Facilities:

- Brockton, MA
- Cleveland, OH
- Hampton, VA
- Hines, IL
- Long Beach, CA
- Tampa, FL
- Dallas, TX*
- San Diego, CA*



VA Construction Process



VA construction projects are highly complex:

- Convoluted Process
- Strategic Capital Investment Planning (SCIP)
- Annual Funding Insufficient
- American Jobs Plan
- Staffing/Oversight Improvements

Current Status and Future SCI/D-Related Construction





Questions?



Resources



Veteran Directed Care

<https://www.payingforseniorcare.com/veterans/veterans-directed-hcbsh>

https://www.va.gov/geriatrics/pages/Veteran-Directed_Care.asp

Find A VDC Program

<https://nwd.acl.gov/find-vdc-program.html>

VHA Home Community Care Service

https://www.va.gov/GERIATRICS/pages/Home_and_Community_Based_Services.asp?utm_source=geriatrics_left_menu