

VETERANS AFFAIRS (VA) BENEFITS FOR NURSING HOME CARE AND REHABILITATION

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If you are a Veteran, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) may help pay for some long-term care and rehabilitation services.

What Is Rehabilitation?

Rehabilitation (rehab) helps people get stronger after an illness, injury, surgery, or hospital stay. Rehab may include:

- Physical therapy
- Occupational therapy
- Speech therapy
- Nursing care

The VA may provide rehab services in:

- VA medical centers
- Community nursing homes that work with the VA
- Rehabilitation facilities

What Is Long-Term Nursing Home Care?

Long-term nursing home care is for people who need help every day because of serious health problems or disabilities. This care may include:

- Nursing services

- Help with bathing, dressing, and eating
- Medication management
- Therapy services

Who May Qualify?

The VA may help Veterans who:

- Have a service-connected disability
- Need nursing home care because of a health condition
- Meet certain medical and financial requirements

Eligibility depends on each Veteran's situation.

Other Long-Term Care Services

The VA may also offer services that help Veterans stay at home, such as:

- Home health care
- Adult day health programs
- Respite care (short-term help for caregivers)
- Home-based primary care

How Do I Apply?

Start by contacting your local VA medical center or speaking with a VA social worker. They can help you:

- Learn what benefits you qualify for
- Apply for services
- Find nursing homes or rehab programs that work with the VA

Need More Information?

Visit the VA website or contact your local VA office for help understanding your benefits and care options.

Remember: Not all Veterans qualify for the same benefits. A VA representative can explain what services are available based on your health needs, military service, and financial situation.

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