Requirements for Medical Foster Home Caregivers

- Complete the Medical Foster Home application/inspection process
- Be financially stable, at least 21 years old, and have formal or informal patient care experience
- Be committed to providing long term care for Veterans, usually until the end of life
- In Michigan, must be a licensed Adult Foster Care Home provider
- Be physically able to provide the needed care, and have a written backup plan with relief caregiver identified
- Notify the Home Based Primary Care team about changes in the Veteran’s normal appearance, behavior, or health
- Be willing to accept and follow the Veteran’s treatment plan

Medical Foster Home Benefits

- Provides Veterans and their families with a new option for long term care
- VA Home Based Primary Care Team provides interdisciplinary home care with the goal of stabilizing the Veteran’s health and avoiding hospitalizations
- Medical Foster Home provides long-term care and companionship for Veterans and the opportunity for caregivers to give back to America’s heroes
- Caregivers receive ongoing training and support from the Medical Foster Home Coordinator and Home Based Primary Care Team

For More Information Contact:
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VA MEDICAL FOSTER HOME PROGRAM

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**VA Medical Foster Homes**

A “home-like” environment for Veterans seeking an alternative to nursing home placement

**The Medical Foster Home Program Provides:**

- A community-based living arrangement for Veterans who have a chronic disabling illness or condition, are unable to safely live alone, and have limited to no social support to provide the care they need.

- A homelike environment to enhance the Veteran’s quality of life.

- An interdisciplinary home care team (VA Home Based Primary Care - HBPC) that includes a nurse, pharmacist, dietitian, psychologist, social worker, rehabilitation therapist, and recreational therapist.

- Quality care that includes 24-hour care and supervision, room and board, medication management, and assistance with daily tasks and personal care needs.

**Medical Foster Home Environment**

- Safe and therapeutic home environment
- Private / semi-private room
- 24-hour care and supervision
- Flexibility in daily routine (personal/individualized care)
- Transportation to medical appointments
- 3 meals/day and snacks
- Possibility for pets
- VA Medical Foster Home Coordinator and Home Based Primary Care team will monitor the Veteran’s care and make periodic home visits
- Cost of care is based on the Veteran’s care needs and financial resources
- Socialization and recreation
- Variety of relationships

**Requirements for Medical Foster Homes**

- Must be owned or rented by the caregiver and be the caregiver’s primary residence.

- Maximum of 3 residents/care recipients (Veterans and/or Non-Veterans)

- Located within the VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System’s Home Based Primary Care service area (within 60 miles from Ann Arbor, MI, or 60 miles from Toledo, OH)

- Must be inspected by the VA Home Based Primary Care team and by VA fire/safety personnel

- Meet all state (Michigan and Ohio) and local licensure requirements and regulations, including construction, fire, maintenance, and sanitation regulations

- Meet the proper provisions of the most current edition of the National Fire Protection Association Life Safety Code, Standard # 101