

What are benefits of the program?

- F Provides a safe and healing home setting
- F Provides long-term healthcare
- F Offers personal care in the community
- F Offers affordable assisted living
- F CVAMC's Home Based Primary Care Team provides oversight from a nurse, social worker, dietician, psychologist, and therapist

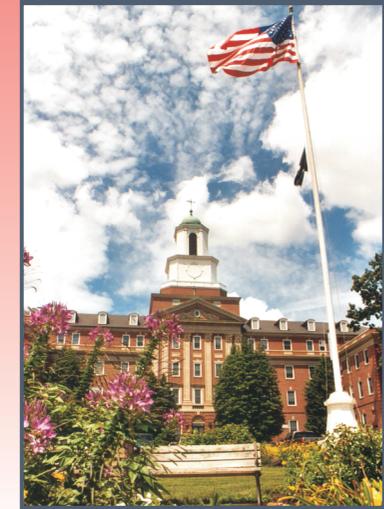


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Home Based Primary Care (HBPC)/
Medical Foster Home Program (MFH)

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information and/or referral to the
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**"To care for him
who shall have borne the battle
and for his widow, and his orphan"**
~ Abraham Lincoln

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A Medical Foster Home (MFH) is a type of Community Residential Care home chosen by a Veteran who is unable to live independently. It offers family-style living with room, board, and personal care. The MFH is matched with the Veteran's physical, social and emotional needs, including supervision and protection. MFH can be an option for Veterans who require nursing home care but prefer a non-institutional setting.

What does the Medical Foster Home Program offer?

- F Community living arrangement for Veterans who are unable to live independently because of physical or mental limitations
- F Community living in a family setting where a Veteran receives personal attention
- F An alternative option to nursing home placement for those Veterans that prefer a family-oriented environment
- F Primary Care in the home provided by CVAMC's Home Based Primary Care program
- F Care that is provided at the expense of the Veteran

How does a home qualify as a Medical Foster Home?

- F Be owned or rented by the caregiver and be his or her actual place of residence
- F Be located, designed, equipped, and maintained to provide a home-like environment, safe care, and supervision for Veterans
- F Be inspected by the Home Based Primary Care team and by CVAMC's fire and safety personnel
- F Meet the proper provisions of the most current edition of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Life Safety Code

What does an appropriate environment provide?

- F Private or semi-private room
- F Variety of personal relationships
- F 24-hour supervision
- F Flexibility in daily routines
- F Permanent home
- F Safeguards against abuse
- F Signed agreement between caregiver and the Veteran, family or legal representative
- F Pet-friendly environment

How does someone qualify as a prospective caregiver?

- F Complete an application and have an interview with the MFH program coordinator and other staff as needed, be financially stable, and be at least 21 years old
- F Have formal or informal experience with patient care
- F Be physically able to provide the needed care, and have a written backup plan with relief persons if he or she is unable to provide care
- F Be able to communicate with the HBPC team regarding changes in the Veteran's normal appearance, behavior, or health
- F Be willing to accept, participate in and follow the Veteran's treatment plan
- F Ensure a congenial and home-like atmosphere within the residence

